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Warrant March Meeting A D 1820

Sir

You are hereby to Notify and Warn one of the Constables for the town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex

Greeting

1st In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant viz. one at the Meeting house in the middle of said town and one at the publick meeting house in said town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified by law to vote for town officers and in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said town on monday the sixth day of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To Chuse a Moderator to govern the meeting

2d To make Choice of all town officers which the law requires

3d To hear the report of the Committee that was chosen by the to settle with the town treasurer and act any thing thereon or relative thereto which the town may think proper

4thly To grant such sums of money as the town may think proper for the support of the Gospel ministry Schooling and all other necessary charges in said town for the year ensuing and act any thing thereon which the town may think proper.

5thly To see in what way and manner the Schools shall be kept in said town the year ensuing and act thereon as the town may think proper.

6thly To see in what way and manner the roads and bridges in said town shall be repaired ~~in said town~~ the ensuing year and act any thing thereon which the town may think proper.

7thly To see if the town will let swine go at large the ensuing year and act any thing thereon which the town may think proper

8thly To see if the town will let neat Cattle and horses go at large the ensuing year and act any thing thereon which the town may think proper.

9thly To hear report of the Three Rods men and others to see if the town will straighten and widen the road leading from near the house of William Barnes to Elon Hazzill or act any thing thereon

that

that the town may think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the twenty sixth day of February instant

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this twenty second day of February A D 1820 -

Jonathan Perham } Selectmen
Joseph Bailey } of
Abijah Spalding } Chelmsford

Recorded by — Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Constables return on the preceding warrant.

Middlesex ss Town February 25th A D 1820

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed I have posted up two copies of this ~~warrant~~ by me duly attested one copy at the ~~Meeting house~~ in the middle of the town and one copy at the Baptist Meeting house in said town of Chelmsford for the purposes therein expressed

Abi Spalding } Constable
of
Chelmsford

Recorded by — Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Seal

Seal

Seal

doings thereon into the Selectmen on or before the twenty sixth day of February instant

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this twenty second day of February AD 1820—

Jonathan Perham
Joseph Bailey
Elijah Spalding
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by — Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Constables return on the preceding warrant

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford February 25th 1820
Pursuant to the within I have posted up two attested Copies of the warrant (viz) one at the Store of Capt. Phineas Whiting and one at the Store of Mr. Jesse Smith both in said Town for the purposes herein directed

Elijah Luther Marshall
} Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

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March Meeting AD 1820

Chilmsford March the 6th 1820

At a legal town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Chilmsford within said town qualified by law to vote for town officers and in town affairs proceeded as follows viz

Voted By ballot for Moderator and Chose Capt Samuel Hosier
Voted ~~for three selectmen~~ By ballot for town Clerk and Chose Jonathan Parkhurst
Voted To Chose three Selectmen
Voted By ballot for the first Selectman and Chose Jonathan Parkhurst
Voted By ballot for the second Selectman and Chose Henry Harding
Voted By ballot for the third Selectman and Chose Josiah Harding
Voted By ballot for town treasurer and Chose Lieut Caleb Abbot
Voted By ballot for a constable for the Northend of the town and Chose Luther Marshall
Voted By ballot for a Constable for the southend of the town and Chose Ezekiel Byam
Voted To Chuse six fish wards for the ensuing year
Voted For fish wards and Chose by ballot

Moses Hale
Lt Joseph Parker
Robert Harding
Joel Parkhurst
Artemas Holden
Benjamin Chamberlain

Voted To Chuse a School Committee for the year ensuing
Voted That the School Committee consist of Eleven persons one in each School district
Voted For said School Committee and Chose as follows viz

For ... 50-

1 Oliver Parkhurst
2 Johnson Davis
3 Joel Parkhurst
4 Capt Ebent Shed
5 Capt Salatheil Adams

6 Atemas Parker
7 Ephraim Osgood
8 Josiah Dilson
9 Timothy Read
10 Lewis Foster
11 Capt Jonathan Spalding

Voted, For Surveyors of highways and Chose Elon Marshall
Jonathan Pethom
Moses Chever junr
Josiah Dilson
Henry Spalding 3d
Asa Hodgman
Isaac Bancroft
Lt Sewall Blodget
Solomon Adams
Joseph Chamberlain
Peter Marshall
Moses Parker

Voted To Chuse four fence viewers-
Voted For fence viewers and Chose
James Robbins
Ephraim Adams
Zebulon Parker
Joseph Warren

Voted To Chuse four field drivers
Voted For field drivers and Chose
Joseph Fletcher jr
Josiah Webber
Solomon Bynn
Henry Coburn junr

Voted To Chuse Seven Surveyors of lumber
Voted For Surveyors of lumber and Chose
Josiah Webber
Capt Jonathan Tyler
Jonathan Bowers

7 Surveyors of lumber

Samuel F. Wood
Jesse Smith
Azariah Procter
Isaac Chamberlain Jr.

Voted To Chuse eight measures of wood

Voted For measurers of wood & Chose Samuel F. Wood
Capt Jonathan Tyler
Benjamin Chamberlain
Azariah Procter
Lt Caleb Abbot
Eben Adams
James Tyler
Jonas R. Procter

Voted To Chuse two more measurers of wood & Chose Levi Farr
Ira Spalding

Voted To Chuse two more measurers of wood & Chose Spratt Livingstone
Capt Sherebiah Spalding

Voted To Chuse ten Hogreaves

Voted For Hogreaves and Chose Cor Josiah Fletcher
Nathaniel Wright 3d
Lovel Fletcher
David Carlton
Varnum Spalding
Lowell Butterfield
William Byam
Robert Spalding
Lt Daniel Tuck
Henry Coburn Jr

Voted For Pound Keeper and Chose — — Stephen Peirce Jr

Voted To Chuse five weighers of hay

Voted For weighers of hay & Chose Solomon Adams
Capt Phineas Whiting
Nathan Wright 2d

Lewis Farr
James Tyler

Voted To Chuse two inspectors of lime
Voted For inspectors of lime and Chose — Capt. John Shed, Ebenezer Spalding

Voted To Chuse four Cullers of Staves
Voted For Cullers of Staves and Chose — Silas Hoar, Capt. Amos Whitney, Artemas Holden, Artemas Parker

Voted To Chuse two Tythingmen
Voted For Tythingmen and Chose — William Adams Esqr.
Voted To Excuse William Adams Esqr from serving as a Tythingman
Voted For Tything men and Chose — Ebin Adams & Nathaniel McFarlen

Voted To prospone the further Chusing of town treasurer until April Meeting -
Voted To accept of the report of the Committe which was Chosen by the town to make a Settlement with the town treasurer.
Voted To put over the fourth article in the warrant until April meeting
Voted That the Schools be kept in the same way and manner that they were the last year
Voted That the roads and bridges be repaired in the same way and manner that they were the last year.
Voted That Swine be restrained from going at large the ensuing year
Voted That neat Cattle and horses be restrained from going at large the ensuing year
Voted To refer the ninth article in the warrant to a Committe and that they report to the town at the next town meeting
Voted That said Committe consist of three persons
Voted For said Committe and Chose William Adams Esqr Capt Benjamin Butterfield & Henry Coburn Junr.

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Voted To choose a Selectmen for the ensuing year

Voted for a Nothing man and chose Capt. Joseph Hilton

Voted To reconsider Capt. Joseph Hilton for ensuing year a Nothing man

Voted for a Nothing man and chose Capt. Aaron Chamberlain

Voted To reconsider Aaron Chamberlain for ensuing year a Nothing man

Voted for a Nothing man and chose James Twiss.

Voted To reconsider James Twiss for ensuing year a Nothing man

Voted To put over to further Choosing of a Nothing man until April meeting.

Voted To dismiss the meeting.

Attest Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Settlement with the town treasurer March 2d 1820

The Subscribers a Committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer beg leave to report as follows.

The Treasurer Charges himself with the following sums viz.

The ballance of town and School money due on the Settlement of 1st February 26th 1819 -	$1487.62
Cash received of sundry persons - - - -	87.98
The amount of town and School money assessed for the year 1819 - - - - - - - -	3951.51
The overlayings on the State and County tax -	20.13
Highway delinquents - - - - - - - - -	20.38
Cash received of conditional exempts in the militia for the years 1818 and 1819 - - -	44.00
Amounting to the sum of - - - - -	$5611.72

And is creaditted as follows

By Cash paid sundry persons on orders from the Selectmen - - - - - - - - - -	4206.06
By the discount made on the taxes for 1819 -	174.14
~~Amounting to the sum of~~	
Amounting to the sum of - - - -	$4380.20
Leaving a ballance due from the treasurer to the town of	$1231.52

The Treasurer further Charges himself with the

ballance of ministerial money due on settlement of Feb 26. 1819 =	184.99
The amount of the ministerial tax assessed for 1819 - - -	605.74
Amounting to the sum of - - - - -	$790.73

and is Creaditted as follows

By Cash paid Rev Wilbur Allen on orders	750.00
By Cash paid Zariah Proctor on orders	22.00
Amounting to the sum of - - - - -	772.00

See next page -

Leaving a ballance due from the Treasurer to the amt of $18 73

Nathaniel Wright
Benjamin Chamberlain
Eben Adams

Attest D. 1820

I agree to the above Joel Adams Town Treasurer

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Your committee would further state that the abatements on the taxes for 1818 and 1819 will amount to — — 131 00

That the Treasurer's commission for collecting the taxes for 1819 and his compensation for his services as Treasurer will amount to the sum of — — — — 100 00

That there is due from the town for the Singing School — 153 20

That orders have been drawn by the Selectmen which are unpaid to the amount of — — — — 1630 59

That the demands against the town on which Orders have not been drawn will amount to 724 77

Amounting in the whole to the sum of $2503 36

Your committee are therefore of opinion that the subsisting demands against the town amount to the sum of $1473 54 more than the ballance due from the Treasurer.

Nathanl Wright
Benjamin Chamberlain
Eben Adams

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

accepted by the town March 6th 1820

Town Officers A D 1820 –

Chelmsford March 6th 1820

The following named persons were on the above said day in legal town meeting Chosen into the several offices set against their respective names and have appeared and taken the oath prescribed by law to the office into which they are chosen agreable to law as follows viz

March 15 Henry Spalding 3d
Abijah Spalding } Selectmen

March 15th Lieut Joseph Parker
April 24th Joel Parkhurst } Fish wardens

March 15th Henry Spalding 3d
Joseph Chamberlain
23d Moses Parker
27th Solomon Adams
30th Josiah Ditson
April 3 Peter Marshall
[illegible] [illegible]
17th Lieut Josiah Blodgett
17th Isaac Bancroft
May 6th Elon Marshall
30 Moses Chamberlain } Surveyors of Highways

April 4th Joseph Warren } Fire viewers

April 20th – Josiah Webber } Field drivers

Samuel F. Hall
March 25th Azariah Proctor
April 20th Josiah Webber — — — — — — Surveyors of Lumber

Samuel F. Hall
March 21st Ira Spalding -
22 Capt Jeremiah Spalding
25 Azariah Proctor
Lumbers of Wood

Timbers

Weighers of Hay

April 24 Capt John Head — — — — — — Inspectors of Lime -

Cullers of staves

Pything men

Collector of Taxes

Middlesex SS. Town of Chelmsford
On the 29th day of June A D 1820
Thomas Coburn of said Chelmsford personally appeared and took the oath by law required to the office of Collector of taxes in said town of Chelmsford for the present year —

Before me Jonathan Perham J. Peace

Middlesex SS. Town of Chelmsford ~~July 5th 1820~~
On the fifth day of July A D 1820 - ~~Thomas Coburn~~
William Lawrence of said Chelmsford personally appeared and took the oath by law required to the office of Collector of taxes in said town of Chelmsford for the present year —

Before me Jonathan Perham J. Peace

Middlesex SS. Town of Chelmsford on the twenty eighth day of July A D 1820. Ephraim Adams of said Chelmsford personally appeared and took the oath by law required to qualify him for the office of a Fenceviewer in said town of Chelmsford for the present year.

Before me Joel Adams just Peace

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk.

Middlesex ss March 15th 1820

Then Jonathan Perham sign of Chelmsford one of the Selectmen of said Chelmsford personally appeared and took the oath required by law to qualify him for that office

Before me Joel Adams Justice Peace

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex ss. on the eighteenth day of March in the year of our Lord 1820 Jonathan Perham sign of Chelmsford in said County personally appeared and made oath that in the discharge of the duties of the office of assessor for said town of Chelmsford he would impartially and impartially according to his best skill and judgement in assessing and apportioning all such rates and taxes as he may according to law be required to assess and apportion for the ensuing year

Before me Joel Adams Justice Peace

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex ss.

on the seventh day of March A D 1820 Ezekiel Byam of Chelmsford in said County of Middlesex personally appeared and took the oath required by law to qualify him for the office of constable for the town of Chelmsford & one year now following, and until another is chosen and sworn in his stead

Before me Joel Adams Justice of the Peace

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Middlesex ss March 6th 1820 -
Personally appeared Jonathan Perham and made oath that he would as Town Clerk of the town of Chelmsford truly record all votes passed in the meting at which he was Chosen and all other town meting during the year and until another clerk shall be chosen and sworn in his stead and that he would faithfully discharge all the other duties of his office Before me
Nathaniel Wright J. Peace

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Commonwelth of Massachusetts
Middlesex ss
On the third day of April A D 1820
Luther Marshall of Chelmsford in said County of Middlesex personally appeared before me and took the oath required by law to qualify him for the office of Constable for the town of Chelmsford for one year now following and until an other be chosen and sworn in his stead
Jonathan Perham Town Clerk
Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Commonwelth of Massachusetts
Middlesex ss. On the fourth day of April A D 1820
Joseph Warren personally appeared and made oath that he would faithfully discharge the duties of his office of a treasurer of the town of Chelmsford for the current year
Before me Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Commonwelth of Massachusetts, Middlesex ss. on the 25th day of April A D 1820 Henry Spalding 3d & Abijah Spalding both of Chelmsford in said County personally appeared and made oath that in the discharge of the duties of the office of Assessors of said Town of Chelmsford they would proceed impartially and impartially according to their best skill & Judgment in apportioning all such rates & taxes as they may have according to law be directed to assess and apportion for the ensuing year
Before me Jonathan Perham Town Clerk -
Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk -

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for governor and Lieutenant Governor holden on the third day of April being the first monday of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty for the purpose of giving in their votes for governor and Lieutenant Governor for said Commonwealth. The whole number of votes given in were sorted counted recorded and declaration made of votes as by the Constitution is directed — and were for the following persons

For Governor

His Excellency ~~John~~ Brooks one hundred and twenty six
Hon William Eustis sixty four

For Lieutenant Governor

His Hon William Philips one hundred and twenty six
Benjamin Austin Esqr sixty four

Jonathan Perham
Henry Spalding 3d
Abijah Spalding
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

attest Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Senators and Councillors holden on the third day of April being the first monday of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty for the purpose of giving in their votes for Senators and Councillors for the district of Middlesex. The whole number of votes given in were sorted counted recorded and declaration thereof made as by the constitution is directed — and were for the following persons.

For:

John Abbot Esqr one hundred and sixteen
Calvin Conger Esqr one hundred and twenty three
Hon Samuel P.P. Fay one hundred and twenty three
Joseph Locke Esqr seven —
Hon Joseph B Varnum eighty four
Hon Leonard H. Parker eighty four
William Whitemore Esqr eighty two
Hon John Hart two —

Jonathan Perham
Henry Spalding 3d
Joseph Spalding

Attest Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

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Seal

Middlesex ss To either of the Constables or
the Town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex
Greeting

Seal In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are
hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of
Seal this warrant viz. one at the meeting house in the middle
of said Town and one at the Baptist meeting house in
said Town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and
other inhabitants of said Town who are qualified by the
constitution to vote for Governor and Lieut Governor
and Senators and Counsellors, ~~for said Commonwealth~~ and
Representatives agreeable to the constitution of said Common-
wealth. Also those who are qualified by law to vote in
Town affairs and in Town affairs to assemble at the
meeting house in the middle of said Town on monday
the third day of April next at one o'clock in the
afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st For those who are qualified by the constitution to
give in unto the Selectmen their votes for Governor and
Lieut Governor for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
and for Senators and Counsellors for the County of
Middlesex for the year ensuing.

2d To chuse a Moderator to govern the meeting.

3 ly For those qualified to give in their votes for a treasurer
for the County of Middlesex.

4 thly For those who are qualified by law to fill up all vacant
Town offices.

5 thly To grant such sums of money as the Town may think
proper for the support of the gospel minister dureing
and all other necessary charges in said Town for the year
ensuing and act any thing thereon which the Town
may think proper

6 thly To give in unto the assessors a true and just inventory of
all their polls and ratable property to make the taxes by
for the year ensuing and act any thing therein which
the Town may think proper.

7 thly To hear the report of the Committee to whom was referred the
matter

ninth article in the warrant for the last town meeting, and act any thing thereon or relative thereto which the town may think proper.

Fifthly To see if the town will chuse a committe to make an annual settlement with the town treasurer and act any thing thereon which the town may think proper.

Sixthly To see if the town will vote to have the highway tax raised by the last years rivuvie and act any thing thereon as the town may think proper.

Here of fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the twenty fifth day of March instant.

Given under our hands and seal at Chelmsford aforesaid this twenty first day of March A.D. 1820

Jonathan Perham
Henry Spalding 3d
Elijah Spalding
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Constables return on the preceding warrant

Middlesex ss. Chelmsford March 25th A.D. 1820

In obedience to the within warrant I have posted up two attested copies of said warrant viz. one copy at the meeting house in the middle of said town and one copy at the Baptist meeting house in said town for the purposes ~~expressed~~ within mentioned

Attest Ezekiel Byam
} Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Seal

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Seal

Middlesex ss To Esther Marshall one of the Constables or the Town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to notify and warn the Inhabitants of this Town viz. one at the Store of Capt Thomas Whiting and one at the Store of Mr Jesse Smith in said Town to come and give notice to the freeholders & other inhabitants of said Town who are qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Lieut Governor and Senators and Councellors and Representatives agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth also those who are qualified by law to vote for Town officers and in Town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said Town on monday the third day of April next at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st For those who are qualified by the Constitution to give in unto the Selectmen their votes for Governor and Lieut Governor for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and for Senators and Councellors for the County of Middlesex for the year ensuing.

2dly To chuse a Moderator to govern the meeting.

3dly For those who are qualified to give in their votes for a treasurer for the County of Middlesex

4thly For those who are qualified in law to fill up all vacant Town offices.

5thly To grant such sum or sums of money as the Town may think proper for the support of the gospel ministry schooling and all other necessary charges in said Town for the year ensuing and act any thing thereon which the Town may think proper

6thly To give in unto the assessors a true & just invoice of all their polls and ratable property to make the taxes by in said Town for the year ensuing and act any thing thereon which the Town may think proper

7thly To hear the report of the Committee to whom was referred the

the ninth article in the warrant for the last town meeting
and act any thing their on or relative thereto which the
town may think proper.

8thly To see if the town will chuse a committee to make an annual
settlement with the town treasurer and act any thing therein
which the town may think proper.

9thly To see if the town will vote to have the highway tax made by
the last years invoice and act any thing their on as the town
may think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with
your doings their on unto the Selectmen on or before the twenty
fifth day of March instant

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid
this twenty first day of March ~~instant~~ A.D. 1820.

Jonathan Perham
Henry Spalding 3d
Elijah Spalding
Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by — Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Constables return on the preceding warrant

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford March 24th 1820

Pursuant to the with in warrent I have posted up two attested
copies of this warrant viz. one at the store of Mr Jesse
Smith both in said town for the purpose ther in expressed

Attest Luther Marshall
Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Chelmsford April 3d 1820

At a legal town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town of Chelmsford who were qualified by law to vote for town officers and in town affairs on the above said day proceeded to pass the following votes viz.

Voted For a Moderator and chose Major Nathaniel Howard

Voted For a treasurer for the county of Middlesex and the selectmen for town Nays Esqr fifty seven 57
for Joseph Warren two — 2
for Owen Emerson four — — 4

Voted For town treasurer by ballot and chose Owen Emerson Junr who declined serving

Voted For town treasurer by ballot and chose Joseph Warren

Voted That the collection of the taxes be sett at vendue and struck off to the lowest bidder to any person that the town will accept of as a collector by his giving bond to the town to the acceptance of the Selectmen
The southend was then set up and struck off to William Laws junr at one cent on the dollar
the Northend of the town was then set up and struck off to Thomas Coburn at one cent & nine mills on the dollar.

Voted For a collector of taxes for the southend of the town and chose Williams Laws junr

Voted For a collector of taxes for the Northend of the town and chose Thomas Coburn

These persons qualified by law to grant money for the support of the gospel ministry in the middle of the town

Voted and granted five hundred and fifty dollars for the support of the gospel ministry in the middle of the town — $550.00

Voted and granted nine hundred dollars for the support of the School in said town the ensuing year — 900.00

Voted and granted twenty five hundred dollars to defray the necessary expenses of the town for the year ensuing

ensuing ... $2500.00

Voted and granted fifteen hundred dollars to repair the highways in said town the ensuing year $1500.00

Voted That the price of labour on the highways be the same as it were the last year.

Voted That the invoice be take in the same way and manner that it was the last year.

Voted To accept of the report of the committe to whom was referred the ninth article in the warrant of March meeting last.

Voted To Chuse a Committe to make an annual Settlement with the town treasurer.

Voted For said Committe and Chose Jon. Thad Perham Benjamin Chamberlain & Cyprus Baldwin Esqr

Voted That the highway tax be made by the last years invoice

The meting was then dismissed.

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

May Meeting A.D 1820

Seal

Seal

Seal

Middlesex ss To Ezekiel Bryant one of the Constables for the town of Lexington in said county of Middlesex Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up Two attested copies of this warrant viz. One at the Meetinghouse in the middle of the town and one at the Baptist meetinghouse in said Town to warn & give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town, who are qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General court of said Commonwealth, also those who are qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Meetinghouse in the middle of said town on Thursday the fourth day of May next at one oclock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To see if the town will make choice of some suitable person or persons to represent this town in the General Court of said Commonwealth for the year ensuing or act any thing thereon, that the town may think proper.

2dly To Chuse a Moderator to govern the meeting.

3dly To see if the town will purchase the farm formerly owned by Mr Robert Mears where he now lives or act any thing thereon that the town may think proper.

4thly To see if the town will instruct the town treasurer to borrow a sum of money in order to settle sum demands, which are now against the town and act thereon as the town may think proper.

5thly To see if the town will accept of the laying out or alteration made in the highway by the Selectmen from a heap of stones at the now traveled road west of the house of William Dane jr across the land of the heirs of Andrew Craigie Esqr dest, and land of William Dane jr, and land of Simon Parkers to a stake & stones about two rods and a half south of a Corner of the wall of the widow Anna McCluskin or act any thing thereon, which the town may think proper.

6th To see if the town will accept of a road as laid out by them by the Selectmen, from the now travelled road on the north side

of the house of William Dane Junr across across Canal of the said Dane to the road on the southeasterly side of said Danes house or act any thing thurion which the town may think proper

7thly At the request of a number of the inhabitants of said town to see if the town will vote not to have town business done in the meeting house by Candle light and act thurion as the town may think proper

8thly at the request of Mr Benjamin Homer to see if the town give him liberty to swing two gates across the old road leading by his house one on the east side of his house and one on the west side of his house or act any thing thurion which the town may think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thurion unto the Selectmen on or before the twenty second day of Aprel instant.

Given under our hands and Seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this twenty second day of April A D 1820.

Jonathan Perham } Selectmen
Henry Spalding 3d } of
Abijah Spalding } Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Constables Return on the preceding warrant

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford April 22d 1820.

In obedience to the within warrant I have posted up two attested copies of said warrant viz. one copy at the meeting house in the middle of the town and one copy at the Capital meeting house in said town for the purposes within mentioned

Attest Ezekiel Byam } Constable
of
Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

27 Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Dracut within the County of Middlesex greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant one at the Store of Capt Thomas Hunt one at the Store of Mr Jesse Hunt in said Town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town who are qualified by law to vote for Representatives to the General Court of said Commonwealth also those who are qualified by law to vote in Town affairs assembled at the meeting house in said Town on Thursday the fourth day of May next at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To see if the Town will make choice of some suitable person or persons to represent this town in the General Court of said Commonwealth for the year ensuing or act any thing thereon that the town may think proper.

2dly To chuse a moderator to govern the meeting —

3dly To see if the town will purchase the farm formerly owned by Mr Robert Mears where he now lives or act any thing their on which the town may think proper

4thly To see if the Town will instruct the town treasurer to borrow a sum of money in order to settle some demands which are now against the town and act thereon as the town may think proper —

5thly To see if the town will accept of the laying out or alteration made in the highway by the Selectmen from a heap of Stones at the now travelled road west of the house of William Dane junr across ~~the now travelled road~~ land of the heirs of Andrew Craigue Esqr deceased and land of William Dane junr and land of Simon Parker to a stake and stones about two rods & a half south of a corner of the wall of the widdow Anna McQuestin or act any thing thereon which the town may think proper —

6thly To see if the town will accept of a road as laid out or altered by the Selectmen from the now travelled road on the north side of the house of William Dane junr across

cross road of the said Dane to the road on the Southeasterly side of said Danes house or act any thing thereon which the town may think proper

7thly At the request of a number of the inhabitants of said town to see if the town will vote not to have town business done in the meeting house by candle light and act thereon as the town may think proper

8thly At the request of Mr Benjamin Hosmer to see if the town will give him liberty to swing two gates a cross the old road leading by his house one on the west side and one on the east side of his house or act any thing thereon which the town may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the twenty second day of April instant

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this nineteenth day of April, A. D. 1820–

Jonathan Perham
Henry Spalding 3d
Abijah Spalding
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Constables Return on the preceding Warrant

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford April 22d 1820

Pursuant to the within I have posted up two attested Copies of this warrant viz. one at the Store of Capt Phineas Whiting & one at the Store of Mr Jesse Smith both in said town and for the purpose herein directed

Attest Luther Marshall } Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Chelmsford May 4th 1820 -

At a legal town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of said qualified according to the constitution to vote for representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth also those qualified by law to vote in town affairs on the above said day proceeded as follows (viz)

Voted To make choice of some suitable person to represent the town of Chelmsford in the General Court of this commonwealth for the year ensuing

Voted For a Representative and the votes were for

Joseph Bailey Esqr	80.
Jonathan Perham twenty seven	77
Capt Samuel Stevens one	01
Oliver Emerson junr one	01

and Mr Joseph Bailey was chosen -

Voted For a Moderator to govern the meeting and chose Mr Abijah Spalding.

Voted To refer the third article in the warrant to the Selectmen with discretionary power to purchase the farm where Mr Robert Myers now lives or not as they may think proper -

Voted And instructed the town treasurer viz. Mr Joseph Warren to borrow on the credit of the town of Chelmsford a sum of money sufficient to settle the demand which the town of Tewksbury have against the town of Chelmsford

Voted To dismiss the fifth article in the warrant

Voted To dismiss the sixth article in the warrant -

Voted That there shall not be any town meetings done hereafter in the meeting house in the middle of the town by Candle light -

Voted To dismiss the eighth article in the warrant

Voted To dismiss the meeting -

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Middlesex ss To Luther Marshall one of the Constables of the town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex Greeting

Seal Seal Seal

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant viz, one at the Store of Capt. Phineas Whiting & one at the Store of Mr Jesse Smith in said town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote for Senators or Representatives in the General Court to assemble at the Meeting house in the Middle of said town on monday the twenty first day of August instant at two o'clock in the afternoon to give in their votes by ballot unto the Selectmen on this question to wit—

Is it expedient that Delegates shall be chosen to meet in Convention for the purpose of revising or altering the Constitution of Government of this Commonwealth;

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the twelvth day of August instant

Given under our hands and Seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this eighth day of August A D 1820—

Jonathan Perham
Henry Spalding 3d
Abijah Spalding
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Return on the Preceding warrant

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford August 12th 1820

Pursuant to the within I have posted up two attested copies of the within warrant (viz) one at the Store of Capt Phineas Whiting and one at the Store of Mr Jesse Smith both in said Town and for the purpose expressed in the within warrant

Luther Marshall
Constable of Chelmsford

attest
Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

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Seal

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Seal

Middlesex ss. To Ezekiel Byam one of the constables of the Town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant viz. one at the Meeting house in the middle of the town and one at the Baptist Meeting house in said town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote for Senators or Representatives in the General Court to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said town on Monday the twenty first day of August instant at two o'clock in the afternoon to give in their votes by ballot unto the Selectmen on this question towit

Is it expedient that Delegates should be chosen to meet in convention for the purpose of revising or altering the Constitution of Government of this commonwealth

Here of fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the twelfth day of August instant

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this eighth day of August A D 1820

Jonathan Perham
Henry Spalding
Abijah Spalding
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Constables return on the Preceding warrant

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford August 12th 1820

In obedience to the within warrant I have posted up two attested copies of said warrant viz. one copy at the meetinghouse in the middle of said town and one copy at the Baptist meeting house in said town for the purpose mentioned within

Ezekiel Byam — Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the County Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Senators or Representatives holden on the twenty first day of August, being the ~~fourth~~ third monday of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty, pursuant to a law of this Commonwealth for the purpose of giving in their votes by ballot on the following question;

Is it expedient that Delegates should be chosen to meet in convention for the purpose of Revising or altering the Constitution of Government of this Commonwealth?

The whole number of votes were in open town meeting received, sorted, counted and declared and record thereof made as follows

For the said measure there were fifty three votes

and against the said measure seven votes

Jonathan Perham | Selectmen

Henry Spalding 3d

Elijah Spalding

Chelmsford

Attest — Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Seal

Seal

Seal

Middlesex ss To Ezekiel Byam one of the Constables of the town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant viz one at the meetinghouse in the middle of the town and one at the baptist meetinghouse in said town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote for Representatives to the General Court to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said town on monday the sixteenth day of October instant at two Oclock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz

For those qualified to bring in their votes into the Selectmen for one or more delegates to act upon the number of Representatives to the general Court to which the town are entitled to meet delegates from other towns in convention at the State House in Boston on the third wednesday of November next to take into consideration the propriety and expediency of making any and if any what alterations or amendments in the present Constitution of Government of the Commonwealth and act thereon as the town may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the seventh day of October instant

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this third day of October A D 1820 —

Jonathan Perham
Henry Fleming 3d
Elijah Fleming
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Constables return on the preceding Warrant

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford October 7th 1820 In obedience to the within warrant I have posted up two attested Copies of said warrant viz. one copy at the meetinghouse in the middle of said town and one copy at the Baptist meetinhouse in said town for the purpose within mentioned

Attest Ezekiel Byam
Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

} Constable of Chelmsford

Seal

Seal

Seal

Middlesex ss To Luther Marshall one of the Constables for the town of Chelmsford within the county of Middlesex. —Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant viz. one at the store of Capt Phineas Whiting and one at the store of Mr Jesse Smith in said town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote for Representatives to the General Court to assemble at the meting house in the middle of said town on monday the eighteenth day of October instant at two oclock in the afternoon to act on the following article viz.

For those qualified to bring in their votes unto the Selectmen for one or more delegates not exceeding the number of Representatives to the General Court to which the town are entitled, To meet delegates from other town in Convention at the State house in Boston on the third wednesday of November next to take into Consideration the expediency and expediency of making and if any what alterations or amendments in the present Constitution & government of the commonwealth and act thereon as the town may think proper—

Here of fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the seventh day of October A D 1820—

Jonathan Pethom
Henry Spalding 3d
Abijah Spalding
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Constables Return on the preceding Warrant.

Middlesex SS. Town of Chelmsford October 7th 1820

Pursuant to the within warrant I have posted up two attested copies of the same viz. one at the store of Capt Phineas Whiting and one at the store of Mr Jesse Smith in said Town of Chelmsford

attest Luther Marshall —
} Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Pethom Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Pursuant to a law of this commonwealth the inhabitants of the town of Charlemont in the County of Hampshire qualified according to the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court having duly convened in town meeting on the sixteenth day of October being the third monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty, to elect two Delegates to meet Delegates from other towns in Convention at Boston on the third wednesday of November next for the purpose of Revising the Constitution of Government of this Commonwealth, did elect them as follows viz.

Voted to make choice of two Delegates —

Voted to ballot for one at a time —

Voted For the first and the votes were for Jonathan Pethum Esqr

Sixty — — — — — — — — — —	60
For Joel Adams Esqr thirty one — —	31
For Arras Whitney Esqr fifteen — —	15

and Jonathan Pethum Esqr was Chosen for the first.

Voted For the Second Delegate and the votes were.

For Arras Whitney Esqr fifty nine — —	59
For William Adams Esqr fifty four — — —	54
For Joel Adams Esqr three — — —	3

and Arras Whitney Esqr was Chosen for the Second Delegate

The meeting then was dismissed —

Recorded by Jonathan Pethum Town Clerk

Middlesex ss. To Ezekiel Byam one of the Constables of the town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex

Greeting

Seal
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Seal

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby requiried ~~forthe~~ to post up two attested copies of this warrant viz one at the meting house in the middle of of said town and one at the baptist meting house in said town towarn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court of this commonwelth to assemble at the meting house in the middle of said town on monday the sixth day of November next at two oclock in the after noon to act on the following articles viz.

1st. For those who are qualified according to the constitution to give in into the Selectmen their votes for a Representative to Represent the Middlesex District in the Congress of the United States of America —

2dly For those who are qualified according to the constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court of this commonwelth. to give in into the Selectmen their votes for three Electors of President and vice President viz. one for the District of Middlesex and two at large designating who is voted for as an Electors for said District and who are voted for as Electors at large —

Here of fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the twenty eighth day of October instant

given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this twenty fourth day of October A D 1820 —

Jonathan Perham
Henry Spalding 3d
Abijah Spalding
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

For the Constables return on the preceding warrant see next Page —

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Constable Return on the Preceding warrant

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford October 28th A.D. 1820.
In obedience to the within warrant I have posted up two attested
copies of said warrant, - viz. one copy at the meeting house in
the middle of s[aid] said town and one copy at the Depot meet-
ing house in said Town for the purpose within mentioned

Abel Ezekiel Byam } Constable of
Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Robbins Town Clerk

Middlesex ss. To Luther Marshall one of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex

Greeting

Seal
Seal
Seal

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant viz one at the Store of Capt. Phineas Whiting one at the Store of Mr Jesse Smith in said Town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town who are qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said Town on monday the Sixth day of November next at two oclock in the afternoon to act on the following articles (viz)

1st For those who are qualified according to the Constitution to give in unto the Selectmen their votes for a Representative to represent the the Middlesex District in the Congress of the United States of America —

2dly For those who are qualified according to the Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth to give in unto the Selectmen their votes for three Electors of President and vice President viz. one for the District of Middlesex and two at large designating who is voted for as an Elector for said District and who are voted for as Electors at large —

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the twenty Eighth day of October instant —

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this twenty fourth day of October A D 1820 —

Jonathan Perham
Henry Spalding 3d
Abijah Spalding

Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

For the Constables Return on the preceding warrant see next page

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford October 28th 1820
pursuant to the within I have posted up Two attested
copies of the within warrant viz. one at the Store of
Capt Phineas Whiting and one at the Store of Mr Jesse
Smith both in the town of Chelmsford —

Attest Luther Marshall } Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified as required by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the general Court. holden on the eighth day of November. being the first monday of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty for the purpose of giveing in their votes for a Representative of the said commonwealth in the Congress of the United States. for the Middlesex District votes for the following persons were given in sorted. counted. recorded. and declaration there of made as by law is directed—Towit

For Hon Samuel P. P. Fay forty votes	—	40
Hon John Hart twenty two votes	—	22
Hon Timothy Fuller Eight votes	— —	8

Jonathan Pollard Selectmen
Henry Spalding 3d
Elijah Spalding
Chelmsford

Attest Jonathan Perkins Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified as required by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court holden on the eighth day of November being the first monday of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty for the purpose of giving in their votes for one Elector of President & vice President of the United States of America for the Middlesex District and for two Electors of President & vice President at large —

Votes for the following persons were given in sorted counted recorded and declaration thereof made agreable to a Resolve of the Legislature of this Commonwealth past June the 5th 1820 — To wit.

For Hon Samuel Dana twenty nine votes
Hon Daniel Thurston twenty seven votes for District

Hon William Gray forty Eight
Hon William Phillips twenty two votes
Hon Levi Lincoln two
Hon Benja W. Crowninshield ~~fifteen~~ votes } at Large.

Jonathan Perham } Selectmen
Henry Spalding 3d }
Elijah Spalding } of Chelmsford

Attest Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Middlesex S.S. To Ezekiel Byam one of the Constables of the town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex Greeting

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant, viz. one at the meeting house in the middle of the town and one at the Baptist meeting house in said town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said town on ~~friday the~~ twenty fourth day of November instant at two oclock in the afternoon to act on the following artiles viz

1st To chuse a Moderator to govern the meeting

2d To hear the Petition of Thomas Spalding and others praying for a new ~~highway~~ from beaver brook bridge in Chelmsford to Bedford Meeting house and the order of Court thier on and act any thing thier on as the town may think proper —

3dly To hear the Petition of Samuel Whiting and agents for the town of Billerica praying for a publick highway from Stonny Brook Bridge near the mills of William Adams Esqr to a stump near to north meadow Causeway in Billerica and act any thing thier on which the town may think proper —

4thly At the request of Capt. Caleb Abbot to see if the town will exchange the Pound and the land on which it stands for the strip of land belonging to him between that and the meeting house to be held for a common or act any thing thier on or relative thier to that the town may think proper —

5thly at the request of Capt. Samuel Stevens to see if the town will discontinue a piece of Road from the road near Mr Joseph Adamses barn through land of Mr. Benjamin Adamses to Billerica town line or act any thing there on that the town may think proper.

8thly at the request of Moses Hale and others, to see if the town

will give permission to put a Stove in the Meeting House in the middle of said town or act any thing respecting the same that the town may think proper, provided the town be free from expence.

Here of fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Select-men on or before the Eleventh day of November instant. dated.

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford this ninth day of November, A D 1820.

Jonathan Parham
Henry Spalding 2d
Elijah Spalding
} Select men of Chelmsford

Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford November 11th 1820.
In obedience to the within warrant I have posted up two attested Copies of said warrant viz one Copy at the Meeting House in the middle of said town and one at the Baptist meeting house in said town for the purpose within mentioned.

Ezekiel Byam
} Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Parham Town Clerk

Middlesex ss, To Luther Marshall one of the Constables of the town of Chelmsford within the County to Middlesex — Greeting

In the name of the Commonwelth of Massachusetts you are hereby requested forthwith to post up Two attested copies of this warrent (viz) one at the Store of Capt Phineas Whitings & one at the store of Mr. Jesse Smith in said town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Meeting House in the middle of said town on Friday the twenty fourth day of November instant at two Oclock in the after-noon to act on the following articles. (viz)

1st To Chuse a moderator to govern the meeting.

2d To hear the Petition of Thomas Spalding and others praying for a new high-way from Beaver Brook Bridge in Chelmsford to Billerica meeting house and order of Court thereon, and act any thing thereon as the town may think proper.—

3dly To hear the Petition of Samuel Whiting and others, agents for the town of Billerica praying for a publick high way from Stoney Brook Bridge near the mills of William Adams Esqr to a stump near mocks medow Causway in Billerica and act any thing thereon which the town may think proper

4thly At the request of Capt Caleb Abbot to see if the town will exchange the Pound and the land on which it stands for the strip of land belonging to him between that and the meeting house to be held for a Common or act any thing thereon or relative there to that the town may think proper.—

5thly At the request of Capt Samuel Stevens to see if the town will discontinue a piece of road from the road near Mr Joseph Adamses barn through land of Mr Benjamin Adamses to Billerica town line or act any thing thereon that the town may think proper.

6thly At the request of Moses Hale and others to see if the town will give permission to put a Stove in the Meeting House in the middle of said town, or act any thing respecting the same that the town may think proper provided the town be free from expence.—

Here of fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Select-men on or before the Eleventh day of November. instant.

Given under our hands and Seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this ninth day of November, A.D. 1820.

Jonathan Perham
Henry Spalding 3d
Abijah Spalding
} Select-men of Chelmsford

Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford November 11th 1820.
Pursuant to the within warrant I have posted up two attested Copies of this warrant (viz) one at the store of Capt Phineas Whitings and one at the store of Mr. Jesse Smiths both in the town of Chelmsford..

Luther Marshall
} Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Chelmsford December 24th 1820

At a legal town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town of Chelmsford qualified by law to vote in town affairs on the above said day proceeded as follows (viz)

Voted For Moderator and Chose Nathaniel Howard Esqr

Voted To Chuse a Committee to weight on a certs committee appointed on the petition of Thomas Spalding & others praying for a new highway from Beaver Brook Bridge in Chelmsford to Bedford Meetinghouse also to view a place for a new highway from the Mills of William Adams Esqr in Chelmsford to a stump at the Road near north Meadow Causeway or from Jonathan Mennings tavern in Chelmsford to the same stump

Voted That said Committee Consist of three persons

Voted For said Committee and Chose Joel Adams Esqr Capt John Butterfield and Capt Samuel Stevens

Voted and instructed the above committee to use their best endeavours to obtain the establishment of a new Highway from Beaver Brook Bridge in Chelmsford to Bedford Meeting house

Voted and instructed the above committee to ascertain the Establishment of a new Highway as prayed for by Samuel Whiting & others a committee of the town of Billerica praying for a new Highway from the Bridge near the Mills of William Adams Esqr to a stump near north meadow Causeway in Billerica or from Jonathan Mennings tavern in Chelmsford to the same stump

Voted To refer the fourth article in the warrant to a committee

Voted That said Committee consist of three persons

Voted For said Committee and Chose Capt John Butterfield Jonathan Perham & William Adams Esqr

Voted and instructed the above committee to hear Capt Abbots proposals and point out a place to set a new pound and report to the town at the next town Meeting

See next page

Voted To incorporate a piece of road that passes through the Reverend Thomas's Pasture from the road near Mr Joseph Adams's Barn to Billerica town line —

Voted and granted liberty to the petitioners to place a stove in the meeting house in the middle of the town to be under the direction of the selectmen as to the place where it stands on condition that it be now taken up to the town

Voted To dismiss the meeting

Recorded by Jonathan Perkins Town Clerk

Middlesex ss To Ezekiel Byam one of the Constables
Seal for the town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex,
Seal
Seal Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copyies of this warrant viz, one at the Meeting house in the middle of said town and one at the Baptist meetinghouse in said town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Congregational society in said town who are qualified by law to vote in said society to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said town on monday the eighth day of January next at one Oclock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz —

1st. To Chuse a moderator to govern the meeting.

2dly At the request of Major Joseph Fletcher & others. To see whether the said Congregational society will give liberty for the Revd. Wilkes Allen or any minister who shall or may occasionally or statedly preach to said society in said town. To preach to the Inhabitants in the north part of the town in proportion to the tax they pay towards the seppoart of publick worship so long as they remain one society Provided a meeting house be built or any convenient place shalbe provided within threequarters of a mile of the Glassmanufactory free of any expence to the town or society. or act or do any thing that shall be thought best for the intrest peace and harmony of said society.

Here of fale not and mak return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the thirtyeth day of December Currant.

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this twenty sixth day of December A D 1820.

Jonathan Perham } Selectmen
Henry Shalding 3d } of
Abijah Shalding } Chelmsford

Constables Return on the preceding Warrant

Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford December 30th 1817
In obedience to the within warrant I have posted up true attested copyes of said warrant. viz one Copy at the Meeting house in the middle of said town, and one at the Baptist Meeting House in said town for the purpose within mentioned

Attest Ezekiel Byam } Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Parkhurst Town Clerk

Middlesex ss To Luther Marshall one of the Constables for the Town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up Two attested copyies of this warrant, viz, one at the store of Capt Phineas Whitings and one at the store of Mr Jesse Smith in said town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Congregational society in said town who are qualified by law to vote in said society to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said town on monday the eighth day of January next at one o'clock in the after noon to act on the following articles. viz.

1st To Chuse a moderator to govern the meeting

2dly At the request of Major Joseph Fletcher & others - To see if the said Congregational society will give liberty for the Revd Wilkes Allen or any other minister who shall or may occasionally or statedly preach to the ~~Inhabitants~~ said society in said Town. To preach to the Inhabitants in the north part of the town in proportion to the tax they pray towards the support of publick worship so long as they remain one society. Provided a meeting house shall be built or any convenient place shall be provided within threequarters of a mile of the Glassmanufactory free of any expence to the town or society - - or act or do any thing that shall be thought best for the interest peace and harmony of said society.

Here of fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings there on unto the Selectmen on or before the thirtyeth day of December currant.

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this twenty sixth day of December A.D. 1820

Jonathan Perham
Henry Spalding 3d
Elijah Spalding
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford December 29, 1820.
Pursuant to the within I have posted up true attested
Copyies of the within warrant (viz) one at the store of
Capt Thomas Whitings and one at the store of Mr. Jesse Smiths
both in the town of Chelmsford.

Attest Luther Marshall } Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Chelmsford January 8th 1821

At a legal meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford whom are qualified by law to vote in the Congregational Society in said town, assembled at 9 o'clock on the above said day they, (viz)

Voted For Moderator and Chose Mr Elijah Spalding

Voted and Consented that the Rev Mr Ellis preach to the inhabitants of said town in the Northerly part of said town one Sabbath in three provided he Consents thereto —

Voted To dismiss the meeting —

Recorded by Jonathan Parkman Town Clerk

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Middlesex SS. To Ezechiel Symmes one of the Constables for the Town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant viz: one at the Meeting house in the Middle of the Town and one at the Baptist Meeting house in said Town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified by law to vote for Town officers and in Town affairs to assemble at the Meeting house in the Middle of said Town on Monday the fifth day of March next at ten oclock in the forenoon to act on the following articles agreeable to their several qualifications towit

1st For those who are qualified by law Town officers to chuse a Moderator to govern the Meeting —

2d do To make Choice of all town officers which the law requires.

3dly For those who are qualified by law to vote to raise money to defray the necessary expences of the Town to act on the following articles

1st Ly To grant such sums of Money as the Town may think proper for the support of Schools and all other necessary Charges in said Town for the year ensuing and act thereon as the Town may think proper —

5thly To hear the report of the committee which was chosen by the town to make an annual settlement with the town tresurer and act thereon as the town may think proper.

6thly To see in what way and manner the Schools shall be kept in said town the ensuing year and act thereon as the town may think proper —

7thly To see in what way and manner the roads and bridges in said town shall be repaired the ensuing year. and act thereon as the town may think proper —

8thly To see if the town will let Swine go at large the ensuing year and act any thing thereon that the town may think proper. —

9thly To see if the town will let neet cattle and horses go at

Large the ensuing year and act any thing thereon that the town may think proper. ~~

10thly To hear the report of the Committee to whome was referred the fifth article in the warrant for a Town meeting of the twenty fourth of November last and act any thing thereon or relative there to that the town may think proper.

11thly For those who are qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court to give in their votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Middlesex.

Here of fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the twenty fourth day of February instant. ~

Given under our hands and Seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this twentieth day of February A.D 1821. ~~

Jonathan Perham
Henry Spalding
Abijah Spalding
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Constable return of the proceeding warrant.

Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford February 24, A.D. 1821

In obedience to the warrant I have posted up two Attested Copies of said warrant. viz one Copy at the meeting house in the Middle of said Town. and one at the Baptist Meeting house in in said town for the purpose within mentioned. ~

Mest Ezekiel Ryan
Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

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Middlesex ss. To Luther Marshall one of the Constables for the town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant viz one at the store of Capt Thomas Hastings and one at the store of Mr Jesse South in said town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified by Law to vote for town officers and in town affairs to assemble at the Meetinghouse in the middle of said town on monday the fifth day of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles viz there several qualifications (viz)

1st -For those who are qualified by law to vote in town affairs To chuse a moderator to govern the meeting.-

2 ly To make choise of all town officers which the law requires.

3 ly For those who are qualified by law to vote to raise money to defray the necessary expences of the town to act on the following articles. (viz)

4 thly To grant such sums of money as the town may think proper for the support of Schools and all other necessary charges in said town for the year ensuing & act thereon as the town may think proper.

5 thly To hear the report of the committee which was chosen by town to make an annual settlement with the town treasurer and act thereon as the town may think proper

6 thly To see in what way and manner the Schools shall be kept in said town the ensuing year and act thereon as the town may think proper.

7 thly To see in what way and manner the roads and bridges in said town shall be repaired the ensuing year and act thereon as the town may think proper.

8 thly To see if the town will let swine go at large the ensuing year and act any thing thereon that the town may think proper

9 thly To see if the Town will let neat cattle and horses go at large the

the ensuing year and act thereon as the Town may think proper

9thly To here the report of the Committee to whome was refured the fifth article in the warrant for a town meeting of the twenty fourth of November last and act any thing thereon or relative thereto that the town may think proper

10thly For those who are qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to General Court to give in their votes for a Regester of Deeds for the County of Middlesex.

Here of fale not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the twenty fourth day of February instant.

Given under our hands and seals at Chelms, and aforesaid this twentieth day of February A D 1821.

Jonathan Perham
Henry Spalding 3d
Abijah Spalding
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Constables return of the preceeding warrant.

Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford February 22d 1821.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have posted up two attested copies of this warrant (viz) one at the store of Capt Phineas Hildreths and one at the store of Mr Jesse Smiths both in the town of Chelmsford.

Attest Luther Marshall } Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

March Meeting A.D. 1821

Chelmsford March the 5th 1821

At a legal town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified by law to vote for town officers and in town affairs on the above said day assembled as follows viz.

Chosen moderator for future Jonathan Perham Joseph Adams 3d Major Luther Thompson

Voted By ballot for Moderator and chose Major Silvanus Havard

Voted By ballot for town Clerk and chose Jonathan Perham

Voted To chuse three Selectmen

Voted By ballot for the first Selectman and chose Jonathan Perham

Voted By ballot for the second Selectman and chose Henry Spalding 2d

Voted By ballot for the third Selectman and chose Abijah Spalding

Voted By ballot for town treasurer and chose Josiah Barron

Voted By ballot for a Constable for the Northend of the town and chose Luther Marshall

Voted By ballot for the Southend of the town and chose Ezekiel Byam.

Voted To chuse six fish wardens

Voted For fish wardens by ballot and chose " " " " "

Oliver M. Wayne
Levi Foster
William Dane junr
Robert B. Chamberlain
Capt Joseph Manning
Jacob Kidder

Voted To chuse a School Committee for the year ensuing

Voted That the School Committee consist of eleven persons one in each School district

Voted For School committee and chose for School district

Voted Samuel Butterfield
2. Capt Joseph Fletcher
3 Ephraim Spalding
4 Joseph Chamberlain
5 Jonathan Parker jun.
6 Willard Byam
7 Peter Marshall
8 Josiah Wilson
9 Solomon Adams
10 Robert Spalding
11 Capt Jonathan Tyler

Voted For Surveyors of Highways and Chose

Osgood Bowers
Mr David Pethom
Capt Amos Whitney
Ira Spalding
Capt James Pitts
James Spalding
James Robbins
Major Nathaniel Howard
William Adams Esqr
Jephthah Parker
Peter Marshall
Capt Henry S. Parker

Voted To Chuse four fenceviewers.
Voted For fence viewers and chose Mr Nathan Howard
Thomas Coburn
Elijah Richardson
Lt John Vinent

Voted To Chuse four field drivers &c
Voted For field drivers and Chose Capt William Bridge
Josiah Pope
Gardner Fletcher
Jesse Moors

39 Voted To Chuse four surveyors of lumber.

Voted For surveyors of lumber and chose

Capt Jonathan Tyler
Josiah Smith
Jeremiah Fowler
Jonas R. Proctor

Voted To add three to the above number and Sprake Livingstone
Samuel F. Hood
Thomas Lovet

Voted To Chuse Eight Measurers of Wood & Chose

Voted For measurers of wood and Chose

Capt Samuel Adams
Ebenr Adams
James Robbins
Ira Spalding
Joseph Dane
Sprake Livingstone
Capt Jonathan Tyler
Joseph Bailey

Voted To Chuse two more measurers of wood and Chose Samuel Dunn
Capt Ebenr Hall

Voted To Chuse ten Hogreaves

Voted For Hogreaves and Chose

Joseph Haywood
John Pinkney junr
Robert Spalding
Simeon Moors
Abel Ruggs
John Hunt
John Perkins junr
Lieut Josiah Fletcher
Capt James Pitts
Samuel Adams

Voted For Pound keepers & Chose Stephen Pierce junr

Voted To Chuse two weighers of hay

Voted To Chuse two weighers of Hay and

Voted For weighers of hay and Chose Solomon Adams &
Capt Phineas Whiting

Voted To Chuse inspetors of lime

Voted For inspetors of lime and Chose Capt Jesse Reed &
Ebenr Spalding

Voted To Chuse four Cullers of Staves

Voted For Cullers of Staves and Chose Jacob Ridler
Lieut Amos Whitney
Silas Hoar
Ithemar Holden

Voted To Chuse two Fything men.

Voted For Fything men and Chose Willard Byam &
Willard Powler

Voted To accept the report of the Committe which was Chosen by the town to make an annual Settlement with the town treasurer.

Voted and granted the sum of Seven hundred dollars for the support of the Schools in said town for the year ensuing — $700.00

Voted And granted twenty five hundred dollars to pay the necessary expenses of the town for the year ensuing — $2500.00

Voted And granted fifteen hundred Dollars to repair the Highways and bridges in said town the ensuing year. — $1500.00

Voted That each School District draw the money they pay for ~~the~~ for schooling.

Voted And granted two hundred Dollars in addition to what is already granted for the benefit of the schools — $200.00

Voted That the Latin grammer School be kept in a sufficient number of the larges School Districts to comply with the law and that the Selectmen cause the same to be done.

Voted That that the roads and Bridges be repaired in the same way and manner that they were the last year & that the rate of labour be the same as it was the last year.

Voted That the highway tax be made be the last years invoice

Voted That same be restrained from geving at large the ensuing year

Voted [illegible] Town meeting

Voted To accept the report of the Committee as drawn up under the fourth article in the warrant for a town meeting on the [illegible] day of [illegible] 1820 –

Those who are qualified by law to vote for representatives to the General Court

Voted To [illegible] Register of Deeds for the County of Middlesex and the votes were for Samuel Bartlet Esqr – 55 –

Joseph Parker – – – – – 2

Voted To dismiss the meeting

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk –

Settlement Town Treasurer A.D. 1821

The subscribers a committee appointed to settle with the treasurer submit the following report.

We find that the Treasurer charges himself with ministerial money received of Joel Adams Esqr Treasurer for 1819 to the amount of ... $18.73

To ministerial money received of William Laws jun.r Collector for 1820 ... 227.00

To ministerial money received of Thomas Coburn Collector for 1820 ... 280.00

amounting to the sum of ... $525.73

And credits himself as follows

By Cash paid Rev.d Wilkes Allen on orders ... $5.00

By Cash paid Rev.d Wilkes Allen for interest on orders ... 5.32

By Cash paid Azariah Procter ... 10.00

amounting to the sum of ... $515.32

Leaving a ballance due from the Treasurer of ... $10.41

The Treasurer further charges himself with Cash received of Joel Adams Esqr Treasurer for 1819 as militia money which he received of conditional exempts in the militia ... 44.00

To Cash received of conditional exempts in the militia for the year 1820 ... 24.00

To Cash received of Joel Adams Esqr Treasurer for 1819 Town & School money ... 1187.52

To Cash received of Thomas Coburn Collector for 1820 Town & School money ... 659.00

To Cash received of William Laws jun.r Collector for 1820 Town & School money ... 836.67

To Cash received of Joseph Locke Esqr on account of fines of fishermen ... 13.16

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To cash received of sundry persons $38 ¢
To cash borrowed of Lebulon Harding
& credited to pay the Town's Treasury Orders 10
Borrowed on account of John Hardy

Amounting to the sum of $3452 11 04

And is credited as follows
By cash paid sundry persons on
orders from the Selectmen $3421 11 25
Leaving a balance due present Treasurer $30 79
March 2d 1821

Jonathan Pettham
Benj. Chamberlain
Cyrus Baldwin
} committee

I assent to the above
Joseph Barron
Town Treasurer

Received of Jonathan Pettham Town Clerk

Your Committee would further state that there
is a ministerial money due from Thomas Coburn
Collector $14 90
And ministerial money due from William Lawes Jr Collector $3 87
Amounting to the sum of $48 77

There is also of Town and School
money due from Thomas Coburn $287 98
Collector
The overlayings of State & County Tax 4 00
Highway delinquents 5 47
There is also of Town & School money
due from William Lawes Jr Collector $709 93
The Overlayings of State & County Tax 3 93

Highway delinquents — — 31.44

amounting to the sum of $2013.83

That orders have been drawn by the Selectmen which are unpaid to the amount of — — — — — — — — — — $3430.87

That the demands against the town on which orders have not been drawn will amount to — — — — — 475.00

Amounting in the whole to — — — — — $3905.87

Your Committe therefore are of opinion that the present demands against the town amount to the sum of $1802.13 more than the ballance due from the Treasurer and Collector

Jonathan Pethom
Benja. Chamberlain
Cyrus Baldwin

Recorded by Jonathan Pethom Town Clerk

Middlesex ss March 5th 1821

Personally appeared Jonathan Pethom and took the oath required of him by law as Town Clerk of the town of Chelmsford

Before me Nathaniel Wright J. Peace

Recorded by Jonathan Pethom Town Clerk

Report Committee on Pound —

The Committee to whom was referred the fourth article of the warrant for a town meeting in the town of Chelmsford on the twenty fourth of November last, viz At the request of Capt Caleb Abbott to see if the town will exchange the Pound and the land on which it stands for the strip of land belonging to him between the Pound and the Middlesex house to be held for a Common by the town or act any thing their on or relative thereto that the town may think proper —

Beg leave to make the following

Report

That your Committee have attended to the business assigned them and have examined the premises as also the Pound and the condition thereof which we find some what out of repair and have at the same time found a place on which a new pound can be put with convenience your Committee are therefore of the opinion that the acquisition of the land would be of General convenience utility and ornament and incase the town can have a good warrantee deed of the land as shown to your Committee by Capt Abbott and the stone of which the old Pound is composed hulled on the proposed spot for a new one free from expence to the town and placed in a good situation for laying up. it will be for the intrest of the town to agree to the same, and give Capt Abbot a deed of the land on which the pound now stands —

All of which is respectfully submitted by

John Butterfield
Jonathan Perham } Committee

Chelmsford March 5th 1821

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Town officers A D 1821

Chelmsford March the 5th 1821

The following named persons were on the above said day in legal town meting Chosen into the several offices set against their respective names and have appeared and taken the oath ~~prescribed~~ Required by law to the office into which they are chosen as follows. viz.

March 5th Jonathan Pethern — Town Clerk was sworn in open town meting by Nathaniel Wright Esqr

March 24th	Henry	Spalding 3d	Selectmen
	Abijah	Spalding	
April 30th	Henry	Spalding 3d	Assessors
	Abijah	Spalding	
14th	Joseph	Warren	Town treasurer
13th	Ezekiel	Byam	Constables
	Luther	Marshall	
			Fish wardens
March 14th	Ira	Spalding	Surveyors of Highways
	Capt James	Pitts	
	James	Spalding	
	James	Robbins	
	Peter	Marshall	
April 2d	Capt Henry S	Parker	
	William	Adams Esqr	
10th	Nathaniel	Howard	
May 3d	Joshua	Parker	

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May 19 Varnum Spalding — Surveyors of Highways

Four viewers

March 14 Ad William Bridge — Field drivers

March 14th Azariah Procter jr
Sprake Livingstone
Samuel W. Wood
Thomas Lovel — Surveyors of Lumber

March 10th Ebenr Adams
14th Sprake Livingstone
Samuel Dunn — Measurers of wood

March 14th John Perkins jr
James Pitts — Hogreaves

} Pound keeper

} Viewers of Hay

} Inspectors of lime

March 14th Jacob Fielder } Culliers of Staves

} Tything men

Commonwelth of Massachusetts
Middlesex ss April 28th A.D 1821
Then Jonathan Perham ~~Esqr~~ personally appeared and took the oath prescribed by law as an Assessor of the Town of Chelmsford for the year ensuing.
Before me Joel Adams Just. Peace

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Commonwelth of Massachusetts
Middlesex ss Chelmsford August the 28th 1821
Personally appeared Isaac Bancroft and Thomas Coburn and made oath that they would levy and collect with what speed they can all rates and assessments for which they shall have sufficient warrents according to law and render an account thereof and paying the same according to the directions in their warrents
Before me Jonathan Perham Justice of the peace
Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

69 Assessors oath for Valuation 1821

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

County of Middlesex

Chelmsford June the 14th 1821

Then Henry Spalding the third and Elijah Spalding Assessors of the town of Chelmsford for the year 1821. personally appeared and made oath that they would faithfully and impartially according to their best skill and judgment do and perform the whole duty of Assessors as directed and enjoined by an act of ~~enacted~~ of this Commonwealth made in the present year entitled an act to ascertain the ratable estate within this Commonwealth, with out favour or prejudice

Before me Jonathan Perham Justice of the Peace

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Oath

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex ss June 15th 1821

Then Jonathan Perham Esqr personally appeared, and took the oath required by an act of this Commonwealth passed this present year entitled an act to ascertain the ratable Estat in this Commonwealth as an assessor of the town of Chelmsford

Before me Joel Adams Justice of the Peace

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, holden on the second day of April being the first monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth. The whole number of votes given in, were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed — and were as follows —

For Governor

His Excellency John Brooks one hundred and fifteen	115
Hon William Eustis fifty seven	57

Lieut Governor

Hon William Phillips one hundred and fifteen	115
Hon Levi Lincoln fifty seven	57

Jonathan Perham } Selectmen
Henry Spalding 3d } of
Elijah Spalding } Chelmsford

Attest Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Senators and Representatives holden on the second day of April being the first monday of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one for the purpose of giving in their votes for Senators and Counsellors for the District of Middlesex.

The whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed — and were for the following persons —

Hon	Samuel P. P. Fay one hundred and seven —	107
	Hon Calvin Sawyer one hundred & seven	107
	Hon John Abbot eighty two —	82
	Hon Joseph Locke twenty five —	25
	Hon Joseph B Varnum fifty eight	58
	William Austin Esqr fifty eight	58
	Hon William Whittemore fifty seven	57
	Levi Thaxter Esqr one —	1

Jonathan P. Thom } Selectmen
Henry Spalding 3d } of
Caleb Spalding } Chelmsford.

Attest: Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Middlesex ss To Ezekiel Byam one of the Constables for the town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex Greeting

Seal Seal Seal

In the name of the Commonwelth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant (viz) one at the meetinghouse in the middle of said town and one at the Baptist meeting-house in said town to warn & give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governour Lt Governour Counsellors Senators & Representatives agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwelth also those who are qualified by law to vote for town officers & in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said town on monday the second day of April next at one oclock in the afternoon to act on the following articles agreeable to their several qualifications.

viz

1st For those who are qualified by the Constitution to give in their votes unto the Selectmen for Governour and Lieut Governour for the Commonwelth of Massachusetts and for Senators & Counsellors for the County of Middlesex for the year ensuing

2dly To Chuse a moderator to govern the meeting.

3dly For those who are qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court to give in their votes for a treasurer for the County of Middlesex.

4thly To fill up all vacant town offices.

5thly To grant such a sum of money as the inhabitants of the Congregational Society may think proper for the support of the gospel ministry in the middle of said town and all other necessary expences of said society and act thereon as they may think proper.

6thly To give in unto the Assessors a true and just invoice of all their polls & ratable property to make the taxes by in said town the year ensuing and act thereon as the town may think proper.

7thly. To see if the town will chuse a committee to make an annual settlement with the town treasurer & act thereon as the town may think proper.

8thly. At the request of Samuel Butterfield & others To see if the town will take some method to dispose of the Books now on hand belonging to said town which contain the history of Chelmsford Compiled by the Revd Messrs Allen and

and act any thing respecting said Bake House that the Legislature shall pass
9thly To see if the Town will pay the money to Capt Thomas Whitney which was taken from him on account of the mortgage he some how since sold and act any thing thereon that the Town may think proper.

Here you are to set and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the twenty fourth day of March Instant.

Given under our hands and Seals at Chelmsford, aforesaid this twentieth day of March, A.D. 1822.

Jonathan Perham
Henry Spalding 3d
Elijah Spalding
} Select-men of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Constables return on the preceeding warrant.

Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford March 24th A.D. 1822.

In obedience to the within warrant I have posted up two attested Copies of said warrant. viz one Copy at the meeting-house in the middle of said town and one Copy at the Baptist meeting house in said town for the purpose within mentioned.

attest Ezekiel Byam
} Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Middlesex ss To Luther Marshall one of the Constables for the town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant viz. one at the store of Capt Phineas Whiting and one at the store of Mr Jesse Smith in said town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governour Lt Governour Counsellors Senators & Representatives agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth Also those who are qualified by law to vote for town officers and in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said town on Monday the second day of April next at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles agreeable to their several qualifications.

viz.

1stly For those who are qualified by the Constitution to give in unto the Selectmen their votes for Governour and Lieut Governour for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and for senators & Counsellors for the County of Middlesex for the year ensuing

2dly To Chuse a Moderator to govern the meeting.

3dly For those who are qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court to give in their votes for a treasurer for the County of Middlesex.

4thly To fill up all vacant town offices.

5thly To grant such a sum of money as the inhabitants of the Congregational society may think proper for the support of the gospel ministry in the middle of said town and all other necessary expences of said society and act thereon as they may think proper.

6thly To give in unto the Assessors a true and just inventory of all their polls & ratable property to make the taxes by in said town the year ensuing and act thereon as the town may think proper.

7thly To see if the town will chuse a Committee to make an annual Settlement with the town treasurer & act thereon as the town may think proper.

8thly At the request of Mr Samuel Butterfield & others To see if the town will take some method to dispose of the Books now on hand belonging to said town which contain the history of the town of Chelmsford Compiled by the Rev Wilkes Allen and act any thing respecting said Books that the town may think proper.

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Chelmsford April the 2d 1821

At a legal town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford (by the Constitution to vote for Representatives) qualified by law to vote for town officers and in town affairs on the above said day proceeded as follows viz.

Voted For Moderator and chose Major Nathaniel Howard

Voted For a Treasurer for the County of Middlesex and the votes were for John Keyes Esqr forty nine — 49

Voted That the Collection of taxes for the current year be put up at auction and struck off to the lowest bidder. towit to any person or persons that the town will accept of as a Collector of taxes by his giving good and sufficient bonds to the town to the acceptance of the Selectmen.

The Southend of the town was then put up and struck off to Mr Isaac Bancroft at one cent and one mill on the Dollar.

Voted To accept of Mr Isaac Bancroft as a Collector of taxes for the Southend of the town for the current year. by his giving bonds to the town to the acceptance of the Selectmen

The Collection of taxes for the Northend of the Town was then put up at auction and struck off to Mr Thomas Coburn at one cent and four mills on the dollar.

Voted To accept of Mr Thomas Coburn as a Collector of taxes for the northend of the town as above by his giving good and sufficient bonds to the town to the acceptance of the Selectmen.

Voted To excuse Cornet Amos Whitney from serving as a Surveyor of Highways the year ensuing

Voted For a Surveyor of Highways in the stead of Cor Amos Whitney and chose Varnum Spalding.

Voted and granted five hundred & fifty Dollars for the support of the Gospel ministry in the middle of said town for the current year — — — $550.00

Voted That the Assessors take the invoice in the same way and manner that it was taken the last year.

Voted To Chuse a Committee to make an annual Settlement with the town treasurer.

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Voted That Said Committee consist of three persons.

Voted For said Committe and Chose Benjamin Chamberlain Joel Adams Esqr

Voted To excuse Joel Adams Esq from serving on said Committee

Voted For said Committe and Chose Capt John Butterfield 3 Jonathan Perham.

Voted and ordered the Selectmen to sell the history of the town compiled by the Revd Wilkes Allen at auction on monday next or some other convenient day soon

Voted To reject the ninth article in the warrant to the Selectmen and Joel Adams Esqr.

Voted To dismiss the meeting.

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Town of Chelmsford County of Middlesex

At a legal meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified to vote for Senators or Representatives holden on the second Monday of April, A.D. 1821. pursuant to a Resolution of the Convention of Delegates assembled at Boston on the 15th of November A. D. 1820. for the purpose of revising the Constitution of the commonwealth,

The votes on the several ammendments submitted by the Convention were as follows;

Article First, — Yeas, Twenty ~~three~~ six	Nays. Sixty one
Article Second, — Yeas, Three	Nays one hundred & Eighteen
Article Third, — Yeas one hundred & three	Nays Eleven
Article Fourth, — Yeas, Thirty nine	Nays fifty Seven
Article Fifth, — Yeas, Eighteen	Nays Seventy two
Article Sixth, — Yeas, Eighty	Nays twenty Seven
Article Seventh, — Yeas, fifty Seven	Nays thirty four
Article Eighth, — Yeas, ninety seven	Nays Seven.
Article Ninth, — Yeas, twenty two	Nays forty two
Article Tenth, — Yeas, thirty Six	Nays thirty five
Article Eleventh, — Yeas, forty Six	Nays ~~twenty~~
Article Twelfth, — yeas, twenty Seven	Nays thirty four
Article Thirteenth, — yeas, forty four	Nays twenty eight
Article Fourteenth, yeas, forty two	Nays thirty five

Jonathan Pethan
Henry Spalding 3d
Abijah Spalding

Selectmen of Chelmsford

attest Jonathan Pethan Town Clerk

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To Thaddeus Spalding Esqr one of the Constables for the town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested Copies of this warrant, viz. one at the meeting house in the middle of said town and one at the Baptist meeting house in said town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote for Senators & Representatives in the General Court also those who are qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the meeting-house in the middle of said town on Monday the ninth day of April next at nine O'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, as may be to their several qualifications.

(viz.)

1st For those who are qualified to vote for Senators or Representative to the General Court to vote by hand vote for or against the several articles of amendment of the Constitution of this Commonwealth proposed to the people by the Convention of Oct. 1, 1820, each article by itself from one to fourteen inclusive.

2dly To Chuse a Moderator to govern the meeting.

3dly To hear the petition of Thomas Spalding and others praying for a highway from Beaver Brook Bridge in Chelmsford to Bedford Meetinghouse and the order of Court thereon, and act thereon as the town may think proper or act or do any thing in favour or against any road which may be in Contemplation through the town.

4thly At the request of Mr John Hedyman to see if the town will abate his taxes for the year 1820. and act thereon as the town may think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Select-men on or before the thirty first day of March Currant.

Given under our hands and Seals at Chelmsford aforesaid the twenty eighth day of March A.D. 1821.

Jonathan Perham
Henry Spalding 3d
Elijah Spalding
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Constables return on the Preceeding Warrant.
Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford March, 31st A D 1821.
In obedience to the within warrant. I have posted up two attested Copies of said warrant (viz) one Copy at the meeting house in the middle of said town and one at the Baptist meeting house in said town for the purpose within mentioned

Attest Ezekiel Byam } Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Middlesex ss. To Lewther Marshall one of the Constables for the town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex.

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant viz: one at the store of Capt Phineas Whiting and one at the store of Mr Jesse Smith in said town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote for Senators or Representatives in the General Court also those qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the meeting-house in the middle of said town on monday the ninth day of April next at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles agreeable to their several qualifications viz:

1st For those who are qualified to vote for Senators or Representatives to the General Court to vote by hand vote for or against the several articles of amendment of the Constitution of this Commonwealth proposed to the people by the convention of A.D. 1820. each article by itself from one to fourteen inclusive.

2dly To chuse a Moderator to govern the Meeting.

3dly To hear the petition of Thomas Spaulding and others praying for a highway from Bever Brook Bridge in Chelmsford to Bedford Meeting-house and the order of Court thereon and act thereon as the town may think proper or act or do any thing in favour or against any road who may be in contemplation through the town

4thly Ot the request of Mr John Hodgman to see if the town will allow his taxes for the year 1820. and act thereon as the town may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Select men on or before the 31st day of March A.D. 1821.

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this twenty Eighth day of March, A.D. 1821

Jonathan Perham
Henry Spalding 3d
Abijah Spalding
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Constables return on the preceeding Warrant
Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford March, 31st 1821.
Pursuant to the within warrant I have posted up two attested
Copies of this warrant, one at the store of Capt Thomas Whittings
and one at the store of Mr Jesse Smith. Both in the Town of
Chelmsford.

Attest Luther Marshall } Constable
of
Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Chelmsford April the 9th 1821

At a legal Town meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs on the above said day proceeded as follows, viz.

Voted for Moderator and Town Clerk Major Nathaniel Howard.

Voted that the Town Committee chosen by the Town on the 24th of November last to use their influence to obtain the establishment of a Highway from Beaver Brook Bridge in Chelmsford to Bedford Meeting house and also to oppose the establishment of a Highway as prayed for by Samuel Hildreth & others a Committee for the Town of Billerica praying for a new Highway from Stony Brook bridge near the Mills of William & Thomas Ayer in Chelmsford to the Brook meadow Causeway in Billerica at or near Jonathan Hennings Tavern in Chelmsford to the same place be a Committee to assist on a Corts Committee which are appointed on the same business to meet at the Spalding Tavern in Chelmsford on the first day of May next

Voted That the Town Committee viz. Josiah Stevens Esqr Capt. John Butterfield & Capt Samuel Stevens have the same instructions that they then had in all respects.

Voted To abate the taxes of John Hodgman for the year 1820

Voted To dismiss the meeting.

Recorded by Jonathan Perkins Town Clerk

Middlesex ss To Ezekiel Byam one of the Constables for the town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant (viz. one at the meeting house in the middle of said town and one at the Baptist Meeting house in said town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court of said Commonwealth also those who are qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Meeting house in the middle of said Town on thursday the third day of May next at one O clock in the after-noon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To see if the town will make choise of some suitable person or persons to represent this town in the General Court of said Commonwealth for the year ensuing or act any thing thereon that the town may think proper

2d To chuse a Moderator to govern the meeting.

3d To see if the town will take any different method to support their poor after the expiration of the time for which they are put out and act any thing thereon that the town may think proper.

4thly To see if the town will point out the way and manner of warning town meetings for drawing jury-men and act thereon as the town may think proper.

5thly At the request of William Adams Esqr and others to see if the town will give their consent to the proprietors of the second Congregational meeting house in Chelmsford to set a part of their meeting house on a piece of Common land at the corner of the road near the store of Jesse Smith or act any thing thereon that the town may think proper.

6thly At the request of Capt John Foord and others. To see if the town will vote that the northwesterly part of the town may be set off as a seperate district or town, according to the bounds in a former petition to the Legislature for a town and act thereon as the town may think proper.

Here of fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Select-men on or before the twenty first day of April Currant.

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Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid
this eighteenth day of April A.D. 1821.

Jonathan Perham
Henry Spalding 3d
Abijah Spalding
} Select men of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Constables return on the preceding Warrant.

Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford April 21st A.D. 1821.
In obedience to the within warrant I have posted up two attested
copies of said warrant (viz) one copy at the Meeting-House in the middle
of said town & one at the Baptist meeting house in said town for the
purposes within mentioned.

Attest Ezekiel Byam
} Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Middlesex ss To Luther Marshall one of the Constables for the Town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwelth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forth with to post up two attested Copies of this warrant, viz one at the store of Capt Phineas Whiting and one at the store of Mr Jesse Smith in said town to warn and give notice to the freeholders an other inhabitants of said town who are quallified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court of said Commonwelth. also those who are quallified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the meeting-house in the middle of said town on thursday the third day of May next at one o'clock in the after-noon to act on the following articles. (viz).

1st To see if the town will make choice of some suitable person or persons to represent this town in the General Court of said commonwelth for the year ensuing or act any thing thereon that the town may think proper.

2dly To Chuse a Moderator to govern the meeting.

3dly To see if the town will take any different method to support their poor after the expiration of the time for which they are put out and act any thing thereon that the town may think proper.

4thly To see if the town will point out the way and manner of warning town meetings for drawing Jury men and act any thing thereon that the town may think proper.

5thly At the request of William Adams Esqr and others, To see if the town will pass their consent to the Proprietors of the second Congregational Meeting-house in Chelmsford to set a part of their meeting house on a piece of Common land at the corner of the road near the store of Mr Jesse Smith or act any thing there on that the town may think proper.

6thly At the request of Capt John Ford and others; To see if the town will vote that the north easterly part of the town may be set off as a seperate district or town, according to the bounds in a former petition to the Legislature for a town and act thereon as they may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the select-men on or before the twenty first day of April Currant.

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given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this eighteenth day of April, A.D. 1821.

Jonathan Parham
Henry Spaldings
Aleph Spalding
} Select men of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Constables return on the preceeding warrant.

Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford April 21st 1821.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have posted up three attested Copies of this warrant, viz One at the Store of Capt Phineas Wilkins and one at the Store of Mr Jesse Smith both in the Town of Chelmsford.

Attest Luther Marshall
} Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Commonwelth of Massachusetts

Pursuant to a law of this Commonwelth, the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex qualified according to the Constitution, having been duly convened in town Meeting on the third day of May A D 1821 for the Choice of a Representative in the legislature of this Commonwelth also those qualified by law to vote in town affairs on the above said day proceeded as follows viz.

Voted To Chuse a Representative to Represent this town in the Gineral Court the year ensuing.

Voted For a Representative and the votes were for Jonathan Perham one hundred & six - - - - 106
Capt Samuel Stevens thirty one - - - 31
Joseph Bailey three - - - - - - - 3

And Jonathan Perham was Chosen.

Voted For Moderator and Chose Jonathan Perham

Voted To refer the third article in the warrant to a Committe with directions to report to the town at the next town Meeting

Voted To reconsider the last vote that was past so far as not to have them report to the town

Voted That said Committe consist of three persons.

Voted For said Committe and Chose the Selectmen

Voted That the Selectmen be directed to receive written & sealed proposal for Supporting the poor of the town previous to their puting them out again and then put them out Seperately or all together for one or for five years as they may think proper

Voted To dismiss the fourth article in the warrant,

Voted And consented that the proprietors of the Second Congregational meeting house Set a part of their Meetinghouse on a piece of Common land at the Corner of the road near the Store of Mr Jesse Smith provided it does not injure the Highway

Voted To refer the sixth article in the warrant to a Committe

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Voted That said Committee Consist of five persons,

Voted For said Committee were Chose Jonathan Perham Joseph Adams, Aaron Chamberlain, John Bateman and Jonathan Manning.

Voted And instructed the Committee last Chosen to report to the town at the next town meeting.

Voted That this meeting be dismissed.

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Middlesex ss To Ezekiel Byam one of the Constables for the Town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex

Seal

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby Seal required forthwith to post up two attested coppies of this warrant (viz) One at the meting house in the Middle of the town and Seal one at the Baptist Meting house in said Town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town who are qualified by the constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court also those who are qualified to vote in town affairs likewise those who are qualified by law to vote to raise money for the support of the Gospel ministry in the Middle of said town to assemble at the meting house in the Middle of said town on Monday the ~~the~~ third day of September next at two Oclock in the after noon to act on the following articles agreable to their several qualifications (viz)

1st To Chuse a Moderator to govern the Meting

2dly For those who are qualified to give in their votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Middlesex.

3dly For those who are qualified by law to vote to raise money to support the Gospel ministry in the middle of said town to grant such a sum for that purpose as they may think proper or to vote to borrow such a sum as they may think and appropriate the same to any carefull use that that they may think proper or act any thing thereon that they may think proper

4thly To see if the town will petition the General Court to alter the law in such a way as not to oblige this town to keep a Latton grammer School and act their on as they may think proper

5thly To hear the report of the Committee to whom was referred the sixth article in the warrant for the last town meting and act any thing thereon which the town may think proper

Here of fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the twenty fifth day of August Current.

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this twenty second day of August A D 1821

Jonathan Perham
Henry Spalding
Ezekiel Byam
Selectmen of Chelmsford

Received by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Constables Return on the preceding Warrant

Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford August 25th A.D. 1821. In obedience to the within warrant I have posted up two attested copies of ~~the same~~ said warrant viz one copy at the meeting house in the middle of said town, and one copy at the Baptist Meeting house in said town for the purposes within mentioned

Attest Ezekiel Byam } Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Middlesex ss To Luther Marshall one of the Constables for the town of Chelmsford with in the County of Middlesex

Greeting

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant, viz. one at the ~~store of Capt~~ Phineas Whiting and one at the store of Mr Jesse Smith in said town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court also those who are qualified to vote in town affairs, likewise those who are qualified by law to vote to raise money for the support of the Gospel Ministry in the middle of said town to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said town on monday the third day of September next at two oclock in the after noon, to act on the following articles, agreable to their several qualifications, (viz)

1st To Chuse a Moderator to govern the meeting,

2dly For those who are qualified to give in their votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Middlesex

3dly For those who are qualified by law to vote to raise money to support the Gospel Ministry in the middle of said town To grant such a sum or sum for that purpose as they may think proper or to vote to borrow such a sum as they may think proper and appropriate the same to any lawfull use that they may think or act any thing thereon that they may think proper,

4thly To see if the town will petition the General Court to alter the law in such a way as not to oblige this town to keep a Latin Grammar School and act thereon as the town may think proper,

5thly To hear the report of the Committee to whom was referred the sixth article in the warrant for the last town meeting and act any thing thereon which the town may think proper,

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the twenty fifth day of August current.

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this twenty second day of August A D 1821

Jonathan Perham
Henry Spalding 3d
Abijah Spalding
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jon.a Perham Town Clerk

Constables Return on the meeting Warrant

Middlebury ss Chittenden August the 25th 1821

In obedience to the within warrant I have posted up two attested copies of the same viz one at the ~~subscribers~~ of Capt Phineas Whiting and one at the Store of Mr Jesse Smith both in the town of Chittenden and according to the within direction.

Test Luther Marshall

Constable
of
Chittenden

Recorded by Jonathan Pitkin Town Clerk

At a legal town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court also those qualified by law to vote in town affairs. Likewise those qualified to vote to raise money for the support of the Gospel Ministry in the middle of said town, holden at the Meetinghouse in the middle of said town on monday the third day of September A D 1821, They proceeded as follows viz.

Voted For Moderator by ballot and Chose Major Nathaniel Howard

Voted For a Register of Deeds by ballot ~~and~~ for the County of Middlesex and the votes were for Samuel Bartlett Esq. Eighty three.

Voted That the town treasurer Borrow on the credit of the town a sum of money sufficient to pay Capt. Phineas Whiting

Voted To petition the Legislature to alter the school law in such a way as not to obliege the town of Chelmsford to keep any latten grammer School.

Voted and instructed the Representative ~~to petit~~ of the town to petition the legislature in behalf of the town to alter the school law in such a way as not to obliege the town of Chelmsford to keep any latten grammer School.

Voted To dismiss the meeting.

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Be it remembered that on this sixth day of april A D 1821 the subscribers Selectmen of the Towns of Chelmsford and Tyngsborough having met by the appointment of the said Selectmen of Chelmsford the most ancient of said towns proceeded to run the lines and renew the bounds between the said Towns pursuant to the provisions of a law of this Commonwealth passed March 23d 1786 and the bounds between said Towns by us renewed are as follows viz —

Beginning at a large stone near Wicksie falls marked T. C. thence running westerly to a large stone on the westside of the great road upon the Proof Holders lane marked T. C. thence southerly by said road and on the westside thereof to a stone by us erected near an apple tree on the west side of said road and not far from Isaac Chamberlain Jun.r new house said stone is marked T. C. thence S. 44° W. fifteen rods to a stone marked T. C. thence S. 53° W. sixteen rods to a stone marked T. C. thence S. 22° E twenty two W. fifty rods to a stone marked T. C thence W. S. 9° E twenty rods to a stone marked T. C. near Richard Littlehales, thence S. 72° W. seventy two rods to a stone by the side of the Cummins road so called marked T. C thence S 70° W thirty nine rods to a stone in the edge of a Swamp marked T. C. thence S. 19 W. thirty rods to a stone marked T. C. thence S 34° W. one hundred and twenty rods to a stone in Tyngs meadow marked W. C. T. being a corner bound of Westford —

Daniel Richardson
Daniel Taylor
} Selectmen of Tyngsborough

Jona Perham
Abijah Spalding
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Chelmsford October 6th 1821.

Then we the Subscribers ~~perambulated~~ run the lines and renewed the bounds between Chelmsford and Westford which are as follows (viz)

1st A Stone marked W. T. C. in Tyngs meadow.
2d A Stake & Stones.
3d A Stake near a pond hole not found
4th A Stake & Stones east of the house that was David Hutchins near land of Major Nathaniel Howard.
5th A Stake & Stones near the house of Jonas & Joash Keys —
6th A Stake & Stones by Samuel Richardsons wall —
7th A Stake & Stones south south of Capt Keys house —
8th A White oak tree marked by the road that Leads from Chelmsford to Westford —
9th A Chesnut tree marked in the W^d Wrights pasture —
10th A Stake & Stones near William Hildreths house —
11th A Stake & Stones in the W^d Haywoods field —
12th A Stake & Stones in Joel Mansfields land by a rock —
13th A Stake & Stones on the pond plain —
14th A Stake & Stones Easterly of Thomas Hutchins house by the said side of the Woods —
15th A Stake & Stones east of Josiah Boyntons house at Carlisle line —

Jonathan Perham } Selectmen
Henry Spalding 3^d } Chelmsford

Thomas Spalding } Selectmen
Ezra Carter } Westford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Chelmsford October 22d 1822

We the subscribers Selectmen of Billerica and Selectmen of Chelmsford hereby certify that we have perambulated run the lines and renewed the bounds between the said towns and they are as follows viz

1st Beginning at a stake & stones called the Pawtucket Stake
2d & White oak stump & stones at Jonathan Pollards Meadow bars —
3d A heap of stones on a pine stump by the road —
4th A black Oak stump with stones about it by the field of the heirs of the late Timothy Livingston —
5th A heap of stones on a great rock by said field —
6th A dead pine stump with stones about it by said field —
7th A Stake and stones against William Hannings field in the fence —
8th A Stake and stones in the fence by the great road —
9th A heap of stones in Downes fence near a great Rock —
10th A stake and stones by Adams's fence —
11th A stake and stones by a wall against said Adams land —
12th A stake and stones by said Adamses fence —
13th A Walnut stump with stake and stones in the fence of the late Lebulon Spalding —
14th A stake and stones a little distance from the fence near a great rock —
15th A Stake and stones Easterly of Benjamin Adamses land
16th A stake and stones nigh a bound supposed to be a corner bound of lots —
17th A stake and stones around it near a white pine stump against Benjamin Adams land —
18th A stake and stones by the wall against Henry Spaldings fe
19th A Stake & stones against the W^d Davises fields —
20th A stake and stones against said field —
21st A Stake & stones in the W^d Davis meadow which is the corner Bound —

Recorded by
Jonathan Pollard
Town Clerk

Nathan Mears } Selectmen
Francis Cook } of
Billerica
Jonathan Perham } Selectmen
Henry Spalding 3d } of
Chelmsford

Chelmsford October 31st 1821

Then we the subscribers perambulated the lines and renewed the bounds between the Towns of Chelmsford and Carlisle which are as follows (viz)

1st A stake and stones at Billerica line —

2d A stake and stones on the east side of the field that was Amos Kidders now groon up to pines —

3d A stake and stones on the west side of the field that was Amos Kidders —

4th A stake and stones in the Highway between Reuben Parkers and Jonathan Parkers Junr —

5th A stake & stones East of the Highway leading from Josiah Voses to Wd Crosbys —

6th A stake & stones in Capt Zaccheus Wrights pasture —

7th A stake & stones in the field that was Eldad Procters

8th A stake & stones in the wood land that was Eldad Procters

9th A stake in Ebnr Parkers wood land the north side of Jacob Blasedills field —

10th A stake & stones in a field that was William Pelsues near William Blasedills

11th A stake & stones a bout one rod west of the field that was William Pelsues —

12th A White oak tree marked by a wall with stones a bout it —

13th A stake & stones in the field that was John Mansfields now Dea Hutchinges make ing the south west corner of Chelmsford and the Northwest corner of Carlisle

Henry Spalding 3d } Selectmen
Abijah Spalding } of Chelmsford

John Heald } Selectmen
Thomas Heald } of Carlisle

Recorded by Jonathan Potham Town Clerk —

1st Warrant March Meeting 1822

2nd Middlesex ss To Nathaniel Brown one of the Constables for the Town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex

3rd

Seal Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested Copies of this warrant (viz) One at the meeting house in the middle of said town and one at the Baptist meeting house in said town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town of the Qualified by law to vote for town officers and in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said town on monday the fourth day of March next at ten oclock in the forenoon to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To Chuse a Moderator to govern the meeting.

2 To make Choice of all town officers which the law requires.

3 To hear the report of the Committee which was Chosen by the town to make an annual settlement with the town Treasurer and act thereon as they may think proper.

4 To grant such sums of money as may be thought proper for the support of the Gospel ministry in said town for the year ensuing and act thereon as may be thought proper

5th To grant such sums of money as may be thought proper for the support of Schools roads and all other necessary Charges charges in said town for the year ensuing and act any thing thereon as the town may think proper.

6th To see in what way and manner the Schools shall be kept in said town the ensuing year and act thereon as the town may think proper.

7th To see in what way and manner the roads and bridges in said town shall be repaired the ensuing year and act any thing on that the town may think proper.

8th To see if the town will let swine go at large the ensuing year and act any thing thereon that the town may think proper.

9th At the request of Mr James Robbins & others To see if the Town will discontinue a Highway or town road from the Westford road that passes by Mr Aaron Chamberlains to the road leading to Westford by Lieut Alpheus Spaldings or act any thing thereon that the town may think proper

10th

To see if the town will accept of a road as laid out by the Selectmen on petition of Major Joseph Fletcher & others beginning at the Town road at Major Joseph Fletchers house and ending at the road that leads from the widdow Rebeuah Warrens to Johnson Davises house and act any thing thereon which the town may think proper

Here of fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the said men on or before the twenty third day of February Currant.

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this nineteenth day of February A D 1822

Jonathan Perham
Henry Spalding 3d
Abijah Spalding
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Constables Return on the above warrant

Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford February 23 A D 1822

In obedience to the within Warrant I have posted up two attested copies of said warrant (viz) one Copy at the Meeting house in the middle of said town and one Copy at the Baptist meeting house in said town for the purposes within mentioned.

Ezekiel Byam
} Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

103 Warrant March Meeting 1822

Middlesex ss To Luther Marshall one of the Constables for the town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to notify the Inhabitants of this Town to meet at the house of Capt Phinias Whiting inholder at the Store of Mr Jesse Smith in said Town to wit on said Town the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified by law to vote for Town officers and in Town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said Town on monday the fourth day of March next at ten O'clock in the fore noon to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To Chuse a Moderator to govern the meeting

2d To Make Choice of all town officers which the law requires

3d To hear the report of the Committee that was chosen by the Town to make an annual settlement with the Town treasurer and act anything thereon that they may think proper.

4th To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the support of the gospel ministry in said Town for the the ensuing year and act thereon as may be thought proper.

5th To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the support of Schools and for all other necessary charges in said town for the year ensuing and act any thing thereon as the Town may think proper.

6th To see in what way and manner the schools shall be kept in said town the ensuing year and act thereon as the town may think proper.

7th To see in what way and manner the roads shall be surveyed in said town shall be repaired the ensuing year and act any thing thereon that the town may think proper

8th To see if the town will discontinue any of the roads the ensuing year and act any thing thereon that the town may think proper.

9th At the request of Mr James Collins & others To see if the town will discontinue a road from the [illegible] that passes by [illegible] to the road leading to Westford by [illegible]

To the [illegible] Town will accept of a road as layd out by the Selectmen on petition of Major Josiah Fletcher & others Beginning at the Lane near Major Joseph Fletchers house and ending at the road that leads from Deacon Warrens house to Johnsons mines house and return same Further Which the town may think best.

Here of fail not and make return of this of this warrant with your your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the the twenty third day of February Currant.

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford this nineteenth day of February A.D. 1822

Jonathan Pethem
Henry Spalding 3
Abijah Spalding
Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Pethem Town Clerk

Constable Return on the above warrant

Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford Feb 21st 1822
Pursuant to the within warrant I have posted up true copies of the same viz. one at the Store of Capt Phineas Hill one at the Store of Josiah Heald Jun and one at the within mentioned.

Attest Luther Marshall
Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Pethem Town Clerk

March Meeting A D 1822

Chelmsford March 4th 1822

At a legal town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote for town officers and in town affairs within said town of Chelmsford held at the meeting house in said town on the above said day proceeded as follows (viz)

Voted For Moderator by ballot and chose Major Nathaniel Harris

Voted For Town Clerk by ballot and chose Jonathan Parker.

Voted To Chuse three Selectmen.

Voted For the first Selectman by ballot and chose Jonathan Parker

Voted For the second Selectman by ballot and chose Henry Chamberlain 2d

Voted For the third selectman by ballot and chose Josiah Spalding.

Voted For Town treasurer by ballot and chose Joseph Warren.

Voted For Constable by ballot for the Northerd of the town and chose Luther Marshall.

Voted For Constable by ballot for the Southerd of the town and chose Ezekiel Byam.

Voted To Chuse six Fish Wardens

Voted For Fish Wardens by ballot and chose, Col Joseph Warren

William Fletcher jr
Henry Coburn jr
Noah Spalding 2d
William Wood jr
Asahel Livingston

Voted To Chuse a School Committee

Voted That the committee consist of Eleven persons

Voted For said Committee and for School District ... 1831. David Parker

2. John Fisher
3. Gideon Whittemore
4. Capt Zacheus Wright
5. Ephraim Warren
6. James Robbins
7. John Carlton
8. Josiah Spalding

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9 William Adams Esqr
10 Nathaniel Howard Esqr
11 Joseph Hall

Voted | For surveyors of highways and Chose

Zebulon Parker
Capt William Fletcher
Nathan Tyler
John Farrar
Elijah Richardson
Capt Samuel Stevens
Jon Joel Mansfield
Cyrus Baldwin Esqr
Jacob Kidder
Willard Procter
Peter Marshall
Benjamin Chamberlain

Voted | To Chuse four fence viewers
Voted | For Fence viewers and Chose

David Dutton
Ruben Parker
John Farrar
Dr John Vinent
Simon Blodget

Voted | To excuse John Farrar from serving as fence viewer

Voted | To Chuse six field drivers.
Voted | For field drivers and Chose

Jacob Kidder
John Harwood
John Crosby
Ephraim Parker
[illegible] Jon[illegible] Kelly
Eli Parker

Voted | To Chuse seven surveyors of Lumber
Voted | For surveyors of Lumber and Chose Capt Jonathan Tyler

Sprathe Livingston
Samuel Willard
Aziriah Procter Jr

Voted For Surveyors of Lumber 3 Chose — James Colburn, Daniel Prater, Samuel Dunn

Voted To Chuse one measurer of wood in each School District

Voted For measurers of wood and Chose — Lewis Walton, Joseph Wetherbee Jr, Henry Spalding 2d, Capt Ebenr Shed., Daniel Prater, Artemas Parker, Silas Livingston, Ira Spalding, Robert B. Chamberlain, Col Joseph Bowers, Capt Jonathan Eyles

Voted To Chuse one more measurer of wood and Chose — Lt Josiah Wetherbee

Voted To Chuse one more Surveyor of lumber.

Voted For a Surveyor of lumber & Chose — Jonathan Bowers

Voted To Chuse fifteen Hogreaves.

Voted For Hogreaves and Chose — Dr John C. Walton, Oliver M. Whipple, Wm Adams, Ensn Charles Cutler, John H. Young, Otis Bailey, Asa Underwood, Jacob Rumball, Ephraim Dunn, Benjamin Livingston, William Hall, Silas Spalding 2d, Simeon Ayers, Solomon Hunt, William Holcomb

Voted For Pound keeper and Chose — Stephen Pierce Junr

Voted To Chuse four Weighers of Hay

Voted For weighers of Hay and Chose — William Adams Junr
Solomon Adams
James Tyler
Capt Phinees Whitney

Voted To Chuse two inspectors of lime.

Voted For inspectors of lime and Chose — Capt John Shed
Ebenezer Spalding

Voted To Chuse four Cullers of Staves

Voted For Cullers of Staves and Chose — Capt Amos Whitney
Jacob Kilder
Archabel McFarlin
Silas Hoar

Voted To Chuse two Tything men

Voted To Chuse the Tything men by hand voti

Voted For Tything men and Chose — Samuel Adams
John Bateman 3d
Elijah Richardson

Voted To Excuse John Bateman from serving as
as a Tything man

Voted In regard of the Report of the Committee that was Chosen to make an ac
Settlement with the town treasurer.

Voted To dismiss the fourth article in the warrant,

Voted And granted the sum of one thousand Dollars for the support of S.
in the Town of Chelmsford for the ensuing year — £1000.00

Voted And granted the sum of fifteen hundred Dollars to re
ways & Bridges in said town the year ensuing — £1500.00

Voted And granted the sum of three thousand Dollars to defr
necessary expenses of the town the year ensuing — £3000.00

Voted That the Schools be kept in the same way and manner that they
were the last year

Voted That each School District draw the money that they pay for Schools

Voted That the roads and bridges be repaired in the same way and man
that they were the last year.

Voted That the Assessors make the Highway tax by the last year valuation by making such alteration as may be thought best and right

Voted That the price of Labour on the Highways be the same that it was the last year,

Voted That Swine shall not be allowed to go at large the ensuing year.

Voted To dismiss the ninth article in the warrant,

Voted To refer the tenth article in the warrant to a Committee with instructions to report to the Town at the next meeting

Voted That said Committee consist of three persons.

Voted For said Committee and Chose

Wm Fyfe
Capt Phineas Whiting
& John Bateman

Voted To dismiss the meeting.

Attest Record

Attest Jonathan Pedham Town Clerk

Settlement With the Town Treasurer March A.D. 1822

The Subscribers a Committee chosen to examine and adjust the accounts with the Town Treasurer have attended to that service and submit the following report.

We find the treasurer charged with ministerial money due to the Town March 2nd 1821	$10,41	
To ministerial money of Wm Laws jnr Collector for 1820	33,87	
To ministerial money received of Thomas Coburn Collector for 1820	14,90	
To ministerial money received of Isaac Bancroft Collector for 1821	272,74	
To ministerial money received of Thomas Coburn Collector for 1821.	246,42	
Amounting to the sum of		578,34
And credited as follows		
By Cash of Mark Wilkes Allen orders	300,00	
By Cash do for interest on Orders	3,07	
Cash Paid Azariah Prowler on Order	24,00	
By Abijah Spalding on order	6.00	
For abatement on ministerial Tax	6,15	
Amounting to the sum of		539,22
Leaving a balance of ministerial money due the Town of		39 12
The Treasurer is further charged to cash due the Town March 2d 1821	30,79	
To Cash received of Conditional exempts in the militia	28,00	
To Cash received of Sundry persons	152,43	
To Cash received of Thomas Coburn collector for 1820 Town & School money	1287,98	
To Cash received of Wm Laws Jr Collector for 1820. Town and School money	668,79	

To Cash received Thomas Coburn collector for 1821 Town & School money	323 91	
To Cash received of Isaac Bancroft collector for 1821 Town & School money	184 10	
Amounting to the sum of		2511 9
And is Credited as follows		
By Cash paid sundry persons on orders from the Selectmen	2559 07	
By Cash paid out by vote of the Town	135 22	
Amounting to the sum of		2694 29
Leaving a balance due the Town of		183 6

I assent to the above Report — Benjamin Chamberlain, John Battelfield, Jonathan Pickham } Committee

Joseph Warren Town Treasurer

Your Committee would further state that their is of ministerial money due from Thomas Coburn Collector for 1821 — 40 50

There is also of Town & School money due from Thomas Coburn collector for 1821 — 1413 47

The overlayings of State & County tax — 6 9

There is also of Town & School money due from Isaac Bancroft Collector for 1821 — 1355 74

The overlayings of State & County tax — 3 12

The ballance due from the Town — 53 61

amounting to the sum of — 2962 1

That orders have been drawn by the Selectmen which are unpaid to the amount of — 2821 37

That the demands against the Town for which orders have not been drawn will amount to — 1730 50

amounting to the sum of of — 4551 87

Your committee therefore are of opinion that existing demands against the Town amount to the sum of

the Sum of £1388,99 more than the ballance due from the Treasurer and Collectors

Benjamin Chamberlain
John Butterfield
Jonathan Perham
} Committee

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Town officers for A D 1822

Chelmsford March 4th 1822

The following named persons were on the above said day in legal town meeting chosen into the several offices set against their respective names and have appeared before me the subscriber and taken the oath required by law to the office into which they are respectively chosen as follows viz).

March 4 Joseph Warren — Town Treasurer

March 4th Luther Marshall, Ezekiel Byam — Constables

— — — — — Fish wardens

March 4 Zebulon Parker
14 Capt William Fletcher
Nathem Tyler
Capt Samuel Stevens
23d Peter Marshall
April 1st Jacob Ridder
John Farrar
Elijah Richardson
Joel Mansfield
2 Benjamin Chamberlain
May 23 Willard Procter
10th Cyrus Baldwin 2d
— Surveyors of Highways

April 1st David Dutton
10 Reuben Parker
— Fence viewers

May 7th Eli Parker
— Field drivers

Field drivers

March 14 Sprake Livingston
Samuel F. Wood
Dan Daniel Procter
19 Jonathan Bowers
ber 7th Azariah Procter jr
} Surveyors of Lumber

March 14 Joseph Fletcher jr
Sprake Livingston
15 Lavel Fletcher
18th Artemas Parker
} Measurers of Wood

March 14 Dr John C. Dalton
John H. Young
Otis Bailey
Asa Underwood
Benjamin Livingston
April 1st William Hilderith
} Hogreaves

September 11th London

Weighers of Hay

March 18th Capt John Shed } Inspectors of Lime

} Cullers of Staves

} Tything men

Attest Jonathan Pelham Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex ss March 4th A D 1822

Then Jonathan Pelham Esqr personally appeared and took the oath by law required to qualify him for the office of Town Clerk of the town of Pelham for the year ensuing—

Before me Joel Adams Justice of the Peace

Recorded by Jonathan Pelham Town Clerk

Middlesex ss March 18th A D 1822

Then Jonathan Pelham & Henry Spalding 3d and Elijah Spalding personally appeared and made oath that they would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the office of Selectmen respecting all elections and the returns thereof for the current year—

Before me Joel Adams Justice of the Peace

Recorded by Jonathan Pelham Town Clerk

Middlesex ss April 5th A.D. 1822

Then Jonathan Pelham Esqr personally appeared and took the Oath by law prescribed for the office of an Assessor of the Town of Chelmsford in said County of Middlesex for the year ensuing

Before me Joel Adams Justice of the Peace

Recorded by Jonathan Pelham Town Clerk

Middlesex ss April 10th 1822

Then Henry Spalding 3d and Abijah Spalding personally appeared and took the oath by law prescribed to the office of ~~an~~ Assessors of the town of Chelmsford in said County for the year ensuing

Before me Jonathan Pelham Justice of the Peace

Recorded by Jonathan Pelham Town Clerk

Middlesex ss September 11th 1822. Then Luther Marshall personally appeared and took the oath by law prescribed to the office of a Collector of taxes for the Current year,

Before me Jonathan Pelham Town Clerk

Recorded by Jonathan Pelham Town Clerk,

Middlesex ss September 17th 1822. Then John Bateman personally appeared and took the oath by law prescribed to the office of a Collector of taxes for the Current year.

Before me Jonathan Pelham Town Clerk

Recorded by Jonathan Pelham Town Clerk

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Middlesex ss. To Ezekiel Byam one of the Constables for the Town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested Copies of this warrant viz one at the meeting house in the middle of said town and one at the Baptist Meeting house in said town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town to be qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor Lt Governor & Councellors and Senators To assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said town on monday the first day of April next at one oclock in the afternoon.

To give in their votes for Governor Lieut Governor, Councellors and Senators agreable to the Constitution and and laws of said Commonwealth.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen of Chelmsford before the twenty third day of March instant,

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this twentieth day of March A.D. 1822

Jonathan Perham
Henry Spalding 3d
Abijah Spalding
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford March 23d A.D. 1822

In obedience to the within warrant I have posted up two attested Copies of said warrant viz One Copy at the meeting house in the middle of said town, and one Copy at the Baptist meeting house in said town for the purposes within mentioned.

Attest Ezekiel Byam } Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Middlesex ss. To Luther Marshall one of the Constables for the Town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex

Seal

Greeting

Seal

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant (viz) one Copy at the Store of Capt Phinas Whiting and one at the Store of Mr Jesse Smith in said town to warn all the voters & the inhabitants and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified according to the Constitution to vote for Governor Lt Governor & Councillors & Senators to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said town on monday the first day of April next at one of the Clock in the afternoon,

To give in their votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor and Senators and Councillors agreeable to the Constitution and laws of said Commonwealth

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the twenty first day of March instant,

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this twenty second day of March A.D. 1822

Jonathan Perham } Selectmen
Henry Spalding 3d }
Abijah Spalding } of Chelmsford

Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford March 22d 1822

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have posted up two attested Copies of the same one at the Store of Capt Phinas Whiting and one at the Store of Mr Jesse Smith both in said town of Chelmsford for the purposes within expressed

Attest Luther Marshall } Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor holden on the first day of April being the first Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth. The whole number of votes given in, were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed — and were for the following persons

For Governor
His Excellency John Brooks one hundred & Eighteen
His Hon William Eustis fifty seven

For Lt Governor
His Hon William Phillips one hundred & seventeen
His Hon Levi Lincoln fifty eight

Jonathan Perham } Selectmen
Henry Spalding 3d }
Abijah Spalding } of Chelmsford

Attest Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governors and Councillors holden on the first day of April being the first monday of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two for the purpose of giveing in their votes for Senators and Counsellors for the district of Middlesex— The whole number of votes given in were sorted counted recorded and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed— and were for the following persons—

For,	Samuel Hoar Junr one hundred & seven	107
	Timothy Walker one hundred & seven	107
	John Abbot one hundred & seven —	107
	Josiah Adams one hundred & seven — —	107
	Edmond Parker one hundred & four —	104
	Edmond Foster one —	1
	William Austin sixty	60
	Samuel Dana sixty	60
	Levi Thapter sixty	60
	Joel Cranston sixty	60
	Ebenezer Hobs sixty	60

Jonathan Pidiam } Selectmen
Henry Spalding 3d } of
Abijah Spalding — Chelmsford

Attest Jonathan Pidham Town Clerk

Middlesex ss To Ezekiel Bigelow one of the Constables for the Town of Billerica within the County of Middlesex Greeting

Seal Seal Seal

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant (viz) One at the meeting house in the middle of said Town and one at the Baptist meeting house in said Town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town who are qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives also those who are qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said Town on monday the first day of April next at three of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To Chuse a Moderator to govern the meeting

2d To give in their votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Middlesex to serve in that office the term of five years from March 1821. and until some other person shall be Chosen and qualified in his stead

3d To give in their votes for a treasurer for the County of Middlesex.

4thly To fill up all vacant town offices.

5thly To grant such a sum of money as may be thought proper for the support of the gospel ministry in said Town for the year ensuing and act thereon as may be thought proper.

6thly To put up the Collection of taxes at Auction and act thereon as may be thought proper.

7thly To give in unto the assessors a true and just income of all their polls and ratable property to make the taxes lay in said Town for the year ensuing and act thereon as the Town may think proper.

8thly To see if the Town will Chuse a Committee to make an annual settlement with the Town treasurer and act thereon as the Town may think proper.

9thly To see if the Town will prohibit neat Cattle Horses from going at large and act any thing thereon that the Town may think proper.

10thly To hear the report of the Committee to whom was referred the sixth article

article in the warrant for the last town meeting and act any thing there on that the town may think proper.

1 thly To see if the town will accept of the laying or altering or widening of a Highway as made by the Selectmen on petition of Kirk Bent from the Store of Aaron Mansur to the house of Johnson Davis or act or do any thing relating to Highway or to chuse a Committee to superintend the making or altering or repairing said Highway that the town may think proper.

2 thly To the request of Joel Adams Esqr. To see if the town will set him off from the Highway district in which Joel Mansfield is Surveyor and annex him and his estate to the Highway district in which Capt. Samuel Stevens is Surveyor and act thereon as the town may think proper.

Hear of fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the twenty third day of March instant.

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this twentieth day of March A D 1822

Jonathan Perham
Henry Spalding 3d
Abijah Spalding
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford March 23 d A D 1822
In obedience to the within warrant I have posted up two attested Copies of this warrant viz one Copy at the meeting house in the middle of said town and one Copy at the Baptist meeting house in said town for the purposes within mentioned

attest Ezekiel Byam
Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

[illegible] Luther Merrick one of the Constables for the Town of Middlefield within the County of Middlesex

greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant viz: one at the store of Capt Silas Hastings and one at the house of Nathan Smith in said town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town viz: all such persons as by the Constitution to vote for Representatives who have a right by law to vote for town officers and all town officers to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said town on monday the first day of October next at twelve of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To chuse a Moderator to govern the meeting

2d To give in their votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Middlesex to serve in that office for the term of five years from March 1821. and until some other person shall be chosen and qualified in his stead.

3d To give in their votes for a Treasurer for the County of Middlesex

4thly To fill up all vacant town offices.

5thly To grant such a sum of money as may be thought proper for the support of the gospel ministry in said town for the year ensuing and act thereon as may be thought proper.

6thly To fill up the Collection of Taxes at unclaimed and act thereon as may be thought proper.

7thly To give in unto the Assessors a true and just inventory of all their polls & estates property to make the taxes by in said town for the year ensuing and act thereon as the town may think proper

8thly To see if the town will chuse a Committee to make an annual Settlement with the town treasurer and act thereon as the town may think proper.

9thly To see if the town will prohibit neat Cattle & Horses from going at large & act any thing thereon that the town may think proper

10thly To hear the report of the Committee to whom was referred the tenth article in the warrant for the last town meeting and act any thing thereon that the town may think proper.

11th To see if the town will accept of the laying or alteration of [illegible]

viewing of a Highway as made by the Selectmen on the petition of Eb[en]r Fish
Jr. from the store of Aaron Munsur to the house of Johnson Davis or
act or do any thing relating to said Highway or to chuse a Committee
to superintend the making or altering or repairing said Highway that
the town may think proper.

2.thly At the request of Joel Adams Esqr. To see if the town will set him off
from the Highway district in which Joel Mansfield is surveyor and
annex him & his estate to the Highway district in which Capt Samuel
Storms is surveyor and act thereon as the town may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your
doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the twenty third day
of March instant.

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this
twentieth day of March A D 1822

Jonathan Perham
Henry Spalding 3d
Abijah Spalding
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford March 22d 1822
Pursuant to the within warrent I have posted up two attested
copies of the same one at the Store of Capt Phineas Whiting
and one at the Store of Mr Jesse Smith both in said Town of
Chelmsford for the purposes within expressed

Albert Luther Marshall
} Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Chelmsford April the 14th 1823

The several town duties of the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town of Chelmsford qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives also those qualified by laws to vote for town officers and in town affairs on the above said day proceeded as follows. viz.

Voted For Moderator and Chose Major Nathaniel Howard

Voted For a Register of Deeds for the County of Middlesex and the votes were for Caleb Butler Esq. 68
For William F. Stone — — — 34

Voted For a Treasurer for the County of Middlesex & the votes were for John Keyes Esqr 41
Caleb Butler Esqr 1

Voted To pass over the fourth & fifth articles in the warrants for the present

Voted That the Collection of taxes be put up at one time and struck off to any suitable person that will collect them the cheapest by his giving good and sufficient bonds to the town and to the acceptance of the Selectmen

The Southend of the town was then put up and struck off to Luther Marshall at one cent and one mill on the Dollar.

Voted For a Collector of taxes for the Southend of the town and Chose Luther Marshall,

The Northend of the town was then put up and struck off to Lt. John Bateman at one cent and eight mills on the Dollar.

Voted To Excuse Ephraim Parker from serving as field driver,

Voted For field driver and Chose Avery Marshall

Voted And granted Sixhundred & fifty Dollars for the Support of the Gospel ministry in said town the ensuing year. $650.00

Voted That the Assessors take the invoice in the same way and manner they did the last year,

Voted To Chuse a Committee to make an annual Settlement with the town treasurer

For said Committe and Chose Jonathan Perham, Joel Adams Esqr and Capt James Pitts.

Voted To excuse Joel Adams Esqr & Capt James Pitts from serving on said Committe,

Voted For said Committe and Chose Benjamin Chamberlain & Major Nathaniel Howard,

Voted That neat Cattle and Horses be restrained from gowing at large by giveing the power to the Selectmen to give Liberty to any person or persons to let their Cattle go at large by placing a Strap about their neck with a piece of Board or thing confined to it with the owners name upon it,

Voted To put over the remainder of the buisness to a Way meeting

Voted To dismess the meeting

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

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Middlesex ss To Rachel Bowers one of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up attested copies of this warrant one at the meetinghouse in the middle of the town and one at the Chelmsford Meetinghouse in said town and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who are by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court of said Commonwealth - to meet those who are qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said town on Thursday the second day of May next at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To see if the town will make choice of some suitable person or persons to Represent this town in the general Court of said Commonwealth in the year ensuing or act anything thereon that the town may think proper

2d To Chuse a Moderator to govern the Meeting

3dly To see if the town will take up the articles which was adjourned at the April Meeting until May meeting and act any thing their on that the town may think proper

4thly To see if the town will accept of a list of persons names, made out by the Selectmen for regulating the Jury Boys and act any thing thereon that the town may think proper

5thly To see if the town will take any different method to support the Poor after the Expiration of the time for which they are put out and act any thing thereon that the town may think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the fourteenth day of April Current.

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this seventh day of April A D 1822

Jonathan Perham } Selectmen
Henry Spalding 3d } of
Elijah Spalding } Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town-Clerk

—Constables Return on the foregoing warrant

Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford April 20th 1822
In obedience to the within warrant I have posted up two attested
Copies of said warrant viz. one Copy at the Meetinghouse in the
Middle of said town and one copy at the Baptist meting house
in said Town for the purposes within mentioned

Attest Ezekiel Bynn Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Fletcher Town Clk

Seal

Middlesex ss. To Luther Marshall one of the Constables for the Town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex, greeting

Seal

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant

Seal

viz. One at the Store of Capt Phineas Whiting and one at the Store of Mr Jesse Smith in said Town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town who are qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court of said Commonwealth - also those qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said Town on ~~Thursday~~ Monday the Second day of May next at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To see if the Town will make Choice of some suitable person or persons to represent this Town in the General Court of said Commonwealth the ensuing year or act any thing thereon that the Town may think proper.

2dly To Chuse a Moderator to govern the meeting.

3dly To see if the Town will take up the articles which was ajourned at April Meeting until May meeting and act any thing thereon that the Town may think proper

4thly To see if the Town will accept of a list of persons names made out by the Selectmen for regulating the jury boy. and act anything thereon that the Town may think proper.

5thly To see if the Town will take any different method to support the poor after the expiration of the time for which they are put out and act any thing thereon that the Town may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the Wednesday of April Current.

Given under our hands and Seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this Eighteenth day of April A.D. 1822

Jonathan Perham
Henry Spalding } Selectmen of Chelmsford

Abijah Spalding

Returned by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Constables Return on the foregoing Warrant

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford April 20th 1822

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have posted up two attested Copies of the same viz one at the store of Capt Phineas Whiting and one at the store of Mr Jesse Smith both ~~of said~~ Town, for the purposes within expressed.

Attest Luther Marshall } Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

At a legal town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified by the constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court also those qualified by law to vote in town affairs holden at the meeting house in the Middle of said town on the 2d day of May A.D. 1822 they proceeded as follows viz:

1st Voted To chuse a Representative to represent the town of Chelmsford in the General Court for the ensuing year,

2nd Voted For a Representative and the votes were for Jonathan Perham fifty two " " " " " " " " " " 52
and he was chosen.

3d Voted To accept of the laying out or widening of a highway as reported to the town by the Selectmen beginning at the southeast corner of the Store of Aaron Hamsur and ending at the road on the westerly side of the house of Johnson Lewis being three rods wide in every part,

4th Voted That the Selectmen proceed forthwith to effect the making and making of the above said road and pay for the same out of the towns money

5th Voted To accept of the report of the Committee to whom was referred the tenth article in the March Meeting Warrant of March last

6th Voted To add the names of the Selectmen to the list of Jurors

7th Voted To accept of the list of names returned for filling the Juror box

8th Voted To strike out the name of Mr Aaron Chamberlain from the list of Jurors at his request

9th Voted To strike out the name of Mr Abijah Spalding from the list of Jurors, at his request,

10th Voted To refer the fifth article in the warrant to a committee of five with instructions to take the same under consideration ~~and~~ and report to the town some time before the first day of February next.

11th Voted For said Committee and Chose Capt Josiah Fletcher Capt Benjamin Butterfield, Capt John Butterfield Joel Adams Esqr & Mr David Perham,

12th Voted To dismiss the meeting

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Road near Aaron Mansurs

We the Subscribers have viewed and laid out or widened a road for the use and benefit of the Town of Chelmsford as follows, viz.

Beginning at the southeasterly corner of the the Store of Aaron Mansur thence running Southerly by an old ditch and in front of the dwelling house of Nathaniel Stickney thence still southerly by a ditch until it comes to a wall by land of Joseph Fletcher, thence by said wall to a stake and stones by land of Johnson Davis, the road lying on the Easterly side of said bounds, thence a stake and stones on the easterly side of the now travelled road by a rail fence thence southerly on a straight line by land of the widow Rebeuah Warren, to a stake and stones by the wall thence still southerly by the wall on the east side of the road to a stake and stones by a cross wall west of the house of Nathan P. Ames, the road lying on the westerly side of said bounds, thence a stake and stones on the westerly side of said road in land of Johnson Davis thence southerly about twenty rodds to a stake on the top of a hole thence still southerly about twelve to a stake and stones, the road lying on the easterly side of said bounds, thence a stake and stones on the easterly side of said road by the wall thence southerly by the wall to a stake and stones at the end of said wall on the back side of the House of Johnson Davis and out in to the road south of said Davises house, the road lying on the Southwesterly side of said bounds and is to be three rodds wide in every part.

Dated Chelmsford March 19th A.D. 1822

Jonathan Perham } Selectmen
Henry Spalding 3d } of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

The following are a list of names selected by the Selectmen for the purpose of filling the Juror box April 16th A.D. 1822

William Adams Esqr
Ebenr Adams
Joseph Adams
Ephraim Adams
Capt Caleb Abbot
Capt Salathiel Adams
Joseph Bailey
Lt John Bateman
Samuel Butterfield
Amos Byam
Simeon Blodget
Capt John Butterfield
Cyrus Baldwin Esqr
Lt Joseph Bowers
Ens Benjamin Butterfield
Henry Byam
Silvanus Byam
Benjamin Chamberlain
Henry Chamberlain Jr
John Carlton
Joseph Chamberlain
Samuel Davis
Levi Dutton
Johnson Davis
Deacon Ewen Emerson
Capt Willm Fletcher
William Fletcher
Capt Josiah Fletcher
John Farrar

Maj Joseph Fletcher
Capt Elisha Ford
Lt Josiah Fletcher
Capt Daniel Fletcher

Hyz Matthias Howard
Artemas Hill
Moses Hale
Asa Hartman
Abel Hunt
Capt Joseph Manning
Ens Joel Manning
James Marshall

Ephraim Esqr

Ens David Parkhurst
Zadock Proctor Junr
Ebenr Parker
Samuel Parkhurst
Oliver Parkhurst
Joseph Putnam
Stephen Pierce Junr
Jonathan Parker 2d
Daniel Parker
Lt Joseph Parker
Capt Henry S. Parker
Jonas R. Proctor
James Robbins

Elijah Richardson
Capt Sherebiah Spalding
Simeon Spalding
Capt Samuel Stearns
Ens John Spalding
Capt John Steel
Silas Spalding
Ephraim Spalding
Asa Spalding
Capt Jona Spalding
Micah Spalding
Capt Peter Spalding
Jesse Smith
Lt Alpheus Spalding
Majr Luke Thompson
Nathan Tyler
Benj Tyler

Capt Thomas Whiting
Ens Amos Whitney
Samuel Wood
Capt Zacheus Wright
Joseph Warren
Jona Perham
Henry Spalding 3d

Jonathan Perham
Henry Spalding
Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Report of a Committee

To the Selectmen of Town of Chelmsford your Committee beg leave to report that they met at the House of Mr Joseph Fletcher to View the Road leading from Joseph Fletchers Corn house to the Road leading to Rebecah Warrens from thence by Johnson Davises house and are of our Opinion that the Road is not necessary for the Town

Nathan Tyler
Phineas Whiting
John Bateman

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Middlesex ss To Ezekiel Bynn one of the Constables for the town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex

Greeting

Seal / In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of Seal this warrant viz. One at the meetinghouse in the middle of the town and one at the baptist meetinghouse in said Seal town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court to assemble at the meetinghouse in the middle of said town on monday the sixth day of May next at three o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To Chuse a Moderator to govern the meeting

6, 2d To give in their votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Middlesex to serve in that office for the term of five years from the month of March 1822 and until some other person shall be Chosen and qualified in his stead

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the seventh day of April Current

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford afore said this twenty third day of April A D 1822

Jonathan Perham
Henry Spalding 3d
Abijah Spalding
Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Constables Return on the above Warrant

Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford April 27th 1822. In obedience to the within warrant - I have posted up two attested copies of said warrant (viz) one Copy at the Meetinghouse in the middle of said town and one Copy at the Baptist meetinghouse in said town for the purposes within mentioned

Attest Ezekiel Bynn
Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Middlesex ss To Luther Marshall one of the Constables for the town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant, viz., one at the Store of Capt. Phineas Whiting and one at the store of Mr Jesse Smith in said town. To warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court to assemble at the meetinghouse in the middle of said town on monday the sixth day of May next at three oclock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

To Chuse a moderator to govern the meeting.

To give in their votes for a register of Deeds for the County of Middlesex to serve in that office for the term of five years from the month of March 1821. and until some other person shall be Chosen and qualified in his stead.

Here of fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the twenty seventh day of April Current.

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this twenty third day of April A D 1822

Jonathan Pethem } Selectmen
Henry Spalding 3d } of
Abijah Spalding } Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Pethem Town Clerk

Constables Return on the above Warrant

Middlesex ss Town of Chelmsford April 26th 1822. Pursuant to the within warrant I have posted up two attested Copies of the same viz. one at the Store of Capt. Phineas Whiting and one at the Store of Mr Jesse Smith in said town for the purposes within expressed Attest Luther Marshall Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Pethem Town Clerk

At a legal town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Chichester qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court holden on monday the 6th day of May A D 1822. They proceeded as follows, viz.

Voted For Moderator and Chose Jonathan Pitman,

Voted For a Register of Votes and the votes were for

Caleb Butler Esqr nineteen	19
For William F. Stone Eighteen	18

Voted To dismiss the meeting

Recorded by Jonathan Pitman Town Clerk

Middlesex ss To Luther Marshall one of the Constables for the Town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex. —Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forth to post up two attested copies of this warrant viz. One Copy at the Store of Capt Phineas Whiting and one Copy at the Store of Mr Jesse Smith in said Town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth to assemble at the meetinghouse in the middle of said town on monday the fourth day of November next at one oclock in the afternoon to act on the following artiele, viz,

To give in their votes into the Selectmen for a Representative to represent the Middlesex District in the Congress of the United States

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the twenty sixth day of October instant.

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this twenty fourth day of October A D 1822

Jonathan Perham
Henry Spaulding 3d
Elijah Spalding
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Constables return on the preceding warrant

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford 26th Oct 1822. Pursuant to the within Warrant I have posted two attested Copies of the same, viz. One at the Store of Capt Phineas Whiting & one at the Store of Mr Jesse Smith for the purposes within expressed and both in the Town of Chelmsford

Luther Marshall
} Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

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[illegible] Ezekiel Bynon one of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested Copies of this warrant viz. One Copy at the meeting house in the middle of said Town and one Copy at the Baptist meeting house in said Town and give notice to the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote for Town officers to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said Town on monday the fourth day of November next at one oclock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To give in their votes for Selectmen for the Year ensuing to represent the Middlesex District in the Congress of the United States

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the twenty sixth day of October instant.

Given under our hands and seals at Chelmsford this twenty fourth day of October A.D. 1822

Jonathan Perham } Selectmen
Henry Spalding 3d }
Elijah Spalding } Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Constables Return on the preceding Warrant

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford October 26th 1822

In obedience to the within warrant I have posted up two attested Copies of said Warrant viz. one Copy at the Meetinghouse in the Middle of said Town and one Copy at the Baptist Meetinghouse in said Town for the purposes within ~~mentioned~~

Attest Ezekiel Bynon } Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court holden on the fourth day of November being the first Monday of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative to said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Middlesex District, The whole number of votes given in, were sorted, Counted, recorded and declaration thereof made, as by law is directed — and were for the following persons —

For Hon Timothy Fuller thirty nine votes

Jonathan Perham Selectmen

Henry Spalding
Elijah Spalding } of Chelmsford

attest Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

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[illegible] one of the Constables
for the town of Chelmsford [illegible]

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify & warn the Inhabitants of this municipal town to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said town on the day of the Baptist meeting in said town to warn and give notice to the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said town on Tuesday the fourth day of December next at three o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a moderator to govern the meeting

2dly To hear the report of the Committee to whom was referred the fifth article in the [illegible] for a town meeting holden on the second day of May last and act any thing thereon that the town may think proper — Also to see if the town will vote, raise or appropriate money for supporting the Poor or otherwise dispose of the same or any part thereof as the town may think fit and proper

3dly To see if the town will purchase two Stoves one for the meeting house in the middle of the town and one for the Publick house at the head of Middlesex Canal and defray the expences of the same out of the surplus Ministerial money & if they purchase the Stoves pass a vote for the same on or before the first of December next.

Here fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the twenty sixth day of October instant.

Given under our hands & seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this twenty fourth day of October A.D. 1822

Jonathan Perham
Henry Spalding 3d
Abijah Spalding
Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded on the [illegible] day of [illegible]

Constables Return on the preceding Warrant

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford October 26 A.D 1822

In obedience to the within Warrant I have posted up two attested Copies of said warrant, viz, One Copy at the meeting house in Middle of said town and one Copy at the Baptist meeting house in said town for the purposes within mentioned

Attest Ezekiel Byam } Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Prime Town Clerk

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Middlesex ss. To Luther Marshall one of the Constables for the Town of Chelmsford within the County of Middlesex Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this warrant viz. One copy at the Store of Capt Parkers building and one copy at the Store of Elijah Fosse Smith in said Town and warn and notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said Town on monday the fourth day of November next at three o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz

1st To chuse a Moderator to govern the meeting

2d To hear the report of the Committee to whom was referred the 4th article in the warrant for a Town meeting holden on the second day of July last and act on the same further as the Town may think proper and to see if the Town will act, or to any thing relating to their support or maintainance as the Town may think fit and proper

3dly To the request of Capt James Parker & others to see if the will purchase two stoves or order the meeting house in the middle of the Town and one for the meeting house at the head of Middlesex Canal and defray the expence of the same out of the surplus ministerial money and have the Stoves purchased on or before the 1st of December next.

Fail not of fail not but make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the twenty eighth day of October instant,

Given under our hands and Seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this twenty fourth day of October A.D. 1822

Selectmen

Jonathan Parkman
Henry Spalding 3d
Asa Spalding
Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Parkman Town Clerk

-Constables Return on the preceding Warrant

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford 26 October 1822
Pursuant to the within warrant I have posted two attested
Copies of the same, viz. One at the Store of Capt Phineas
Fitting and one at the Store of Mr Jesse Smith for the
purposes within expressed and both in the town of Chel
msford.

Attest. Luther Marshall } Constable
of
Chelmsford

Recorded by Jonathan Perham Town Clerk

Chelmsford December 4th 1822

At a legal town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified by law to vote in town affairs holden at the Meeting House in said Chelmsford and being met on the above said day they proceeded as follows viz.

Voted 1st Choose a Moderator and chose Jonathan Fletcher.

Voted 2d pass over the second article in the warrant and take up the third,

Voted 3d Chose a Committee to purchase two Stoves one for the Meeting House in the Middle of the Town and one for the Meeting House at the head of Chelmsford Court and to agree for the expense of the same and to direct the manner of setting

Voted That said Committee consist of three

Voted Then said Committee and Chose Cyrus Richardson Esqr Capt James Fitts & Jere Adams Esqr

Voted And instructed the above Committee to use their endeavours to purchase and set up the Stoves on or before the first day of December next,

Voted 4th Adjourn the meeting until monday the fifteenth day of December instant at two o'clock in the afternoon then to meet at the Meeting House in the Middle of the Town.

Recorded by Jonathan Fletcher Town Clerk

At a legal town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified by law to vote in town affairs holden on Monday the Eighteenth day of December A D 1822 agreeable to adjournment they proceeded and passed the following votes viz,

Voted To accept of the Report of the Committee to whom was Referred the fifth article in the warrant for a town Meeting holden ~~[illegible]~~ on the Second day of May last

Voted To Chuse a Committee to take a Deed of the farm of Capt Salathiel Adams.es

Voted That said Committee consist of three persons

Voted For said Committe and Chose Jonathan Perkins Joel Adams Esqr and Capt. Josiah Fiske

Voted And instructed the above Committe To borrow on the Credit of the town the sum of Sixty five hundred Dollars for the purpose of paying for the farm of Capt. Salathiel Adams. and putting the same in repair, and Stocking the farm for the reception of the Poor.

Voted And instructed the Overseers of the Poor to provide such help both men and women as they may think proper for the Care of the Poor

A true Record Jonathan Perkins Town Clerk

Report of the Committee on the Subject of the Poor.

The Committee Chosen by the town at their annual Meeting in May last, to whom was referred the fifth Article in the warrant for said Meeting, which article was To See if the Town will take any Different method to Support the Poor after the Expiration of the time for which they are now let out and Set any Person that the Town may think proper to be Employed in the Duty aforesaid Time and Way and Manner to make the following

Report

The Maintaining the Poor has become a Subject of great Interest: and in Consequence of many Alterations and Improvements in this Town within a few years and as now become So burthensome as to render it very necessary to attempt to introduce some less expensive method of Supporting the as well as to Check the increase of Pauperism — This Town has generally adopted the method first introduced here which is to put out the Poor annually to the lowest bidder at Auction by the week. This Custom although is Attended

[illegible] the number of the Poor and the expenses
of the Town and how double was at that time the best method
which the Town could adopt — But inasmuch as
the number and expenses of our Poor have greatly increased
and Continue to increase. Your Committee are of opinion
that the time is arrived when the Town ought at least to
make an effort to reduce the expenses of their Poor by
introducing some new System of Supporting them ——
As there is little prospect of the number of our Poors being
less, the Town probably would prefer purchasing some
Estate in and permanent provision for their Support,
Fifty six persons have been wholly or partly supported
by the Town during the present year and from information
received from the Selectmen it is calculated that the expense
of our Poor this year will not be less than Three Hundred Thirty five Dollars
and may amount to more of this sum sixty Dollars is
paid for House rent the present year —

What new System will best promote the interest of
the Town experience must determine but your
Committee are of opinion that it is expedient for the
Town to try some new method of maintaining their
Poor, and from the best information which they have
obtained on the subject, they are induced to recommend
to the Town to purchase a farm, with buildings convenient
for their accommodation so that the Poor may be employed
and supported on said farm, subject to such orders
rules and regulations as the Town shall see fit to adopt
With this view your Committee have examined several
farms in this Town offered for Sale and are of opinion
that the farm owned by Capt Salathiel Adams will best
accommodate the Town; This farm contains about one
hundred and twenty acres is well supplied with wood, is
capable of Great improvements may be bought
for $2950 Dollars and by your Committee is considered
to be well worth that sum, They therefore recommend
that the Town purchase the farm owned by Capt Salathiel
Adams for the accommodation of the Poor of this Town
and that after the first tuesday in February next the

the Poor be supported and employed on said Farm

All which is respectfully submitted by

Josiah Fletcher
B. Butterfield
John Butterfield
David Pelham
Joel Adams
} Committee

A true record Jonathan Pelham Town Clerk

Warrant for March Meeting. 1823.

Seal Middlesex ss. To Ezekiel Byam, one of the Con-
Seal stables for the Town of Chelmsford within the County of
Seal Middlesex . . . . . Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this Warrant (viz) one at the Meeting house in the middle of the town, and one at the Baptist Meeting house in said town, to warn and give notice to the free holders and other Inhabitants of said town, who are qualified by Law to vote for Town-Officers, and in Town-affairs, to assemble at the Meeting house in the middle of said Town on Monday the third day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles, anoveling to their qualification (viz)

1st. To chuse a Moderator to govern the Meeting.

2dly. To make choice of all town officers, which the Law requires.

3dly. To hear the Report of the committee, which was chosen by the Town to make an annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer and act thereon as the town may think proper.

4thly. To grant such sums of money as may be thought proper for the support of the Rev. Mr. Allen, and all other necessary expenses in his Society for the year ensuing.

5thly. To grant such sums of money as the Town may think proper for the support of Schools, the Poor, Roads, and all other necessary charges in said Town the year ensuing, and act any thing thereon that the Town may think proper.

6thly To see in what way and manner the Schools shall be kept in said Town the ensuing year, and act thereon as the Town may think proper.

7thly To see in what way and manner the roads and bridges in said town shall be repaired the ensuing year, and act any thing thereon that the Town may think proper.

8thly. To see if the Town will let Swine go at large the ensuing year, and act any thing thereon that the Town may think proper.

9thly To hear the Report of the Committee that was chosen at the last Town Meeting for the purpose of taking a Deed of the farm of Capt. Salathiel Adams, and for other purposes, and act

anything thereon, which the Town may think proper.

10thly. To see if the Town will constitute the house, which they have purchased for the Poor, a Work-house, or act or do any thing relating thereto, that the town may think proper.

11thly. To choose three, five, seven or more Overseers of the said Work-house, and to act thereon as the Town may think proper.

12thly. For those qualified to choose a Committee for the purpose of granting Certificates to such persons as may be desirous of becoming members of the religious Society in said Town of Chelmsford called Congregationist, being Rev. Mr. Allens society.

13th To see if the Town will grant any relief to any poor person, except such as go the Poorhouse, or act any thing relative thereto which the Town may think proper. Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on, or before the twenty second day of February instant. Given under our hands and Seals at Chelmsford aforesaid, this eighteenth day of February A.D. 1823.

Jonathan Perham
Henry Spalding 3 } Selectmen of Chelmsford.
Abijah Spalding

Recorded by Joel Adams, Town Clerk.

Return on the above Warrant, (viz.)

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford, February 22. A.D. 1823.

In obedience to the within Warrant, I have posted up two attested Copies of said Warrant, (viz) one Copy at the Meeting house in the Middle of said Town, and one Copy at the Baptist Meeting house in said Town for the purposes within mentioned.

Ezekiel Byam } Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Joel Adams, Town Clerk.

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Warrant for March Meeting. 1823

Seal Middlesex ss. To Luther Marshall one of the
Seal Constables for the Town of Chelmsford within the County of
Seal Middlesex. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to post up two attested copies of this Warrant (viz) one at the Store of Capt. Phineas Whiting, and one at the Store of Mr. Jesse Smith in said Town to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town, Who are qualified by law to vote for Town officers, and in Town affairs, to assemble at Meetinghouse in the middle of said Town on monday the third day of March next at ten O'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles according to their qualificatio

1st. To chuse a Moderator to govern the Meeting.

2ndly To make choice of all town officers, which the law requires

3 dly To hear the Report of the Committee, which was chosen by the Town to make an annual Settlement with the Town-Treasu and act thereon

4thly. To grant such sums of money as may be thought proper for the support of the Rev. Mr. Allen, and all other necessary expenses in his Society for the year ensuing.

5thly. To grant such sums of money as the Town may think proper for the support of the Schools, the Poor, Roads, and all other necessary Charges in said Town the year ensuing, and act any thing thereon that the Town may think proper.

6thly. To see in what way and manner the Schools shall be kept in said Town the ensuing year, and act thereon as the Town may think proper.

7th. To see in what way and manner the roads and bridges in said Town shall be repaired the ensuing year, & act any thing thereon that the Town may think proper

8th. To see if the Town will let swine go at large the ensuing year, and act any thing thereon that the Town may think proper

9th To hear the Report of the Committee that was chosen at the last Town-Meeting for the purpose of taking a Deed of the farm of Capt Salathiel Adams, and for other purposes and act any thing thereon which the Town may think proper.

10th. To see if the Town will constitute the house which they have purchased for the Poor, a Work-house, or act, or do any thing relating thereto, that the Town may think proper.

11thly. To chuse three, five, seven, or more, overseers of said Work-house and act thereon as the Town may think proper.

12thly. For those qualified, to chuse a committee for the purpose of granting Certificates to such persons as may be desirous of becoming Members of the Religious society in said Town of Chelmsford, called Congregration at 1st, being Rev. Mr. Allen's Society.

13th To see if the Town will grant any relief to any poor person except such as gow to the Poor house, or act any thing relative thereto which the Town may think proper.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the twenty second day of February instant. Given under our hands, and Seals at Chelmsford aforesaid this eighteenth day of February A.D. 1823.

Jonathan Perham
Henry Spalding 3d
Abijah Spalding
} Selectmen of Chelmsford.

Recorded by Joel Adams, Town-Clerk.

Return on the above Warrant, viz.

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford Feby. 21st 1823.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have posted up two attested Copies of the same, viz, one at the Store of Capt. Phineas Whiting and one at the Store of Mr. Jesse Smith in said Chelmsford for the purposes within expressed.

Luther Marshall, Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Joel Adams, Town-Clerk.

March Meeting A.D. 1823

Town of Chelmsford, Monday, March 3d. 1823.

At a legal Town meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote for Town-Officers, and in Town affairs, holden at the Meeting house in the middle of said Town on Monday, the third day of March A.D. 1823, the Town proceeded as follows, viz.

Voted For a Moderator by ballot & chose Majr. Nathl. Howard.

Voted For a Town-Clerk and chose Joel Adams.

Voted To chose three Selectmen

Voted For the first Selectman and chose Jonathan Perham, Esqr. who declined serving,

Voted again for the first Selectman, and chose Capt. Caleb Abbot.

Voted For the second Selectman, and chose Nathaniel Wright Esq.

Voted For the third Selectman and chose Benja. Chamberlin, who declined serving -

Voted again for the third Selectman, and chose Capt. John Shed.

Voted To chose three Overseers of the Poor, on one ticket,

Voted For Overseers of the Poor, and chose Capt. John Butterfield, Capt. Shebiah Spalding & Mr. Ephraim Adams

Voted To chose three assessors.

Voted For assessors and chose Nathaniel Wright, Esqr, Majr. Nathaniel Howard and Benjamin Chamberlin, Majr. Nathl. Howard declined serving as assessor.

Voted To defer chosing another assessor till Apl. Meeting.

Voted For a Town Treasurer and chose Benja. Chamberlin.

Voted To choose two Constables

Voted For a Constable for the North End of the Town and chose Luther Marshall.

Voted For a Constable for the South End of the Town, and chose Joseph Chamberlin Jr. who declined serving

Voted again for a Constable for the South End of the Town and chose Ezekiel Byam

March Meeting A. D. 1823

The preceding votes at this Meeting for Town officers were taken by ballot, and the following were chosen by nomination,

Said To defer choosing Fishwardens till April Meeting

Said To choose a School Committee, consisting of one man in each School-District

Voted For said Committee and chose in School-District

No 1, Capt. William Fletcher Jr
No 2, Osgood Worcester
No 3, Andrew Parkhurst,
No 4, Miajah Parkhurst,
No 5, Joseph Putnam,
No 6, James Osburn,
No 7, Peter Marshall,
No 8, Lt. Alpheus Spalding
No 9, Isaac Chamberlin Jr.
No 10 Col. Joseph Bowers, &
No 11, James Bowers

Voted For Surveyors of Highways and chose

William Fletcher 3d,
Gardner Fletcher,
James Bowers,
Andrew Spalding
Josiah Richardson
Daniel Parker
Joseph Chamberlin 2d
Ebenezer Adams
William Adams, Esqr
Ezekiel Byam
Peter Marshall, &
Capt. Joseph Manning.

Voted For Fence Viewers, and chose

Silvers Laws
Capt. Zaccheus Wright
Joseph Chamberlin
Henry Coburn Jr &
Samuel Dunn

March Meeting A.D. 1823,

Voted To choose six field Drivers, — and chose —

Otis Adams
Jephthah Parker
Gardner Fletcher
Jonas Spalding
Willard Proctor &
Avery Marshall,

Voted To choose eleven Surveyors of Lumber and
Voted For Surveyors of Lumber and chose —

Josiah Webber,
Thomas Lovett,
Thomas Lobusn
Azariah Proctor jr.
James K. B. Ayer.
Benjamin Blood
Samuel F. Wood
Jonathan Bowers
Sprake Livingstone,
Capt. Jonathan Tyler &
Lt. Charles Cutler,

Voted To choose one Measurer of Wood in each School District,
Voted For measurers of wood and chose in School District,

No 1 Samuel Stevens, Esqr.
No 2. Charles Cutler
No 3 Henry Spalding 3d
No 4 Josiah Vose
No 5 Capt. Shenbiah Spalding
No 6 Aaron Chamberlin
No 7 Sprake Livingstone,
No 8 Ira Spalding,
No 9. Robert B. Chamberlin
No 10. Joseph Caldwell jr.
and in No 11. James Tyler —

Voted To choose ten Hog-Reeves, and
Voted For Hog Reeves and chose, Capt. Benj.n Fletcher
Micajah Bowers,

Voted For Hog Reeves and chose ---- Benja. Spalding
James A Hay
Charles Blood
Daniel Tuck
Adam H. Cogswell
William Mc. Lenna
Frederick Vandoorn
Josiah King Parkhurst

Voted To choose four more Hog reeves and
chose Edmand Stevens
John Fletcher 2d
Clark Clyde
and Horatio Boyden

Voted To choose five more Hog reeves and
chose Samuel Adams
Josiah Bgam
Abel Spalding
Otis Adams
and Joseph Chamberlin Jr.

Voted For a Pound Keeper and chose Stephen Peirce Jr

Voted To choose four weighers of hay and chose
Solomon Adams
Capt. Phineas Whiting
Willard Read
and James Tyler —

Voted To choose two Instructors of Lime and chose
Capt. John Shed and
Artemas Parker.

Voted To choose four Cullers of Staves and chose
Jacob Kidder
Micajah Bowers
John Farrar, and
Silas Hoar —

Voted To choose three Fything men and chose
Dcn. Owen Emerson
Dcn. Noah Spalding
and — Artemas Parker.

March Meeting A. D. 1823 continued

Voted That the House, lately bought by the Town of Capt. Salathiel Adams, be constituted a work-house, wherein the Poor of this Town shall be employed.

Voted That the Overseers of the Poor be Overseers of said Workhouse.

Voted That the Overseers of the Poor be directed to prepare By Laws and Orders for the government of said Workhouse, and report the same to the annual Meeting in April next

Voted That the Overseers of the Poor be directed to keep an accurate account of all the expenses of supporting the Poor at said Workhouse, and report the same to the Town at their annual Meeting in March. 1824.

Voted To take up the thirteenth Article of the Warrant

Voted To dismiss the thirteenth Article in the Warrant,

Voted To adjourn this Meeting to Monday the Seventh day of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then to meet at this place

A true Record, Attest. Joel Adams. Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex ss. Joel Adams Esqr. being chosen Clerk for the Town of Shelmsford for the year. one thousand eight hundred and twenty three, personally appeared and made oath that he would truly record all votes passed in the meeting at which he is chosen, and other Town Meetings during the year, and until another Clerk shall be chosen and sworn in his stead, and also faithfully to discharge all the other duties of this said Office.

March 3d. 1823.

Before me, Jonathan Perham, Justice of the Peace

Recorded by Joel Adams. Town Clerk.

Town officers for the year of our Lord 1823 —

Town of Chelmsford. March 3d. A.D. 1823.

The following named persons were, on the above said day in legal Town Meeting, chosen into the several offices set against their respective names, and have appeared before me the Subscriber, and taken the oath required by law to qualify them for the office into which they are respectively chosen, as follows, to wit —

took the oath

the 12th	Benjamin Chamberlin	Town Treasurer
March	Luther Marshall	Constables
	Ezekiel Byam	
	William Fletcher 3d	Surveyors of Highways
	Joseph Chamberlin 2d	
	Peter Marshall	
	Andrew Spalding	
	Joseph Manning	
	Ezekiel Byam	
28	Josiah Richardson	
Apr. 7	William Adams, 2nd	
"	Gardner Fletcher	
March	Caleb Abbot	Selectmen
12th	Nathaniel Wright	
	John Shed	
12	Nathaniel Wright,	assessor
12	Joseph Chamberlin	Fence viewers
12th	Jephthah Parker	Field Driver

159 Town officers for 1823. Sworn

Field-Drivers

March 12 Josiah Webber
" Thomas Lovett
29 Azariah Proctor Junr.
12 Sprake Livingstone
Apr. 7 Jonathan Bowers.
May 1 Benjamin Blood

Surveyors of Lumber

Mar. 12 Aaron Chamberlain
Sprake Livingstone
Ira Spalding

Measurers of wood

March 12 Abel Spalding

Hog-reeves

} Weighers of hay

apl 18 John Shed } Inspectors of Lime.

March 12 John Farrar

} Cullers of Staves &c

} Fythingmen.

Attest. Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Middlesex ss March 18th 1823. Personally appeared James H. B. Ayer, and made oath that he would faithfully and impartially perform the trust reposed in him as Surveyor of Lumber in the Town of Chelmsford for the year ensuing.

Before me Nathaniel Wright J. Peace

Recorded by Joel Adams, Town Clerk.

May 24th. 1824. Then Capt. John Shed was sworn as one of the Assessors of Chelmsford

Before me Joel Adams. Town Clerk

April. 1823-

Middlesex ss. To Ezekiel Byam one of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in said County. Greeting

Seal

Seal

Seal

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and Warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor Lieut. Governor, Counsellors and Senators, to assemble at the Meeting house in the Middle of said Town on Monday the Seventh day of April next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, to give in their Votes for a Governor, and Lieut. Governor of the Commonwealth aforesaid for the year ensuing, and for Counsellors & Senators for the District of Middlesex -

Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, unto us at or before said time appointed for said Meeting

Given under our hands and Seals at said Chelmsford this twenty first day of March A.D. 1823.

Caleb Abbott
Nathaniel Wright
John Shed
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford March 23. 1823.

In obedience to the within Warrant I have posted up four attested Copies of said Warrant, viz. one Copy at the Meeting house in the middle of the Town; and one Copy at the Baptist Meeting house; also one Copy at the Store of Capt. Phineas Whiting, and one at the Store of Mr. Jesse Smith in said Town for the purposes within mentioned

Attest. Ezekiel Byam, Constable of Chelmsford.

Recorded by Jacl Adams, Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, holden on the seventh day of April, being the first Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth. The whole number of Votes given in, were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed — and were for the following persons —

For Governor

Harrison Gray Otis,
one hundred and thirty five

William Eustis,
one hundred and thirty three
Lovell Fletcher, one

For Lieutenant Governor

Daniel Noble
one hundred and thirty five
Levi Lincoln
one hundred and thirty three
Walter Brooks, one

Caleb Abbot
Nathaniel Wright
John Shed

Selectmen of Chelmsford

Attest. Jael Adams. Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Senators and Counsellors, holden on the Seventh day of April, being the first monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Senators and Counsellors, for the District of Middlesex - The whole number of votes given, were sorted, counted, recorded, and duplicates thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed - and were for the following persons,

For William Austin, two hundred & thirty four
" Jael Cranston, two hundred & Sixty three
" Levi Thaxter, two hundred & fifty seven
" John Abbot, one hundred & Seventy one
" Samuel Hoar Jun^r, one hundred & forty
" John Keyes, one hundred and ten
" Seth Knowles, Thirty three
" John Wade, ninety two
" Nathan Chandler, Six
" Edmund Foster, three
" Ebenezer Parker, one
" Thomas Coburn, one
" Silas Law, one
" Sampson Farmer, one
" Nathan Crosby one

Caleb Abbot
Nathaniel Wright
John Shed
} Selectmen of said Chelmsford

Attest. Jael Adams. Town Clerk

March Meeting A. D. 1823 (see page 157)

At a legal Town Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, qualified by Law to vote for Town officers, and in Town affairs, holden at the Meeting house in the Middle of said Town on Monday the Seventh day of April A. D. 1823, agreeable to the adjournment of the Town Meeting holden on the third day of March last - Major Nathaniel Howard being Moderator. The Town proceeded and voted as follows -

Voted To choose six Fish-Wardens -

Voted For six Fish Wardens, and chose Col. Joseph Bowers, William Fletcher Jr., Henry Coburn, Noah Spalding 2d, William Dane Jr. and Sprake Livingstone -

Voted To excuse Capt. William Fletcher Jr from serving as a School-Committee-man -

Voted For a School-Committee man in the stead of Capt. William Fletcher Jr, and chose Capt. James Potts.

Voted To accept the Report of the Committee who made the annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer -

Voted To raise the Sum of Six hundred Dollars for the support of the Gospel Ministry in the Congregational Society, over which the Revd Wilkes Allen is ordained -

Voted To raise the sum of one thousand Dollars for the support of the Schools in said Town for the year ensuing.

Voted To raise the Sum of fifteen hundred hundred dollars to repair the Highways and Bridges in said Town the year ensuing

Voted That the Surveyors of the Highways be directed to repair all the roads in their respective Districts, so far as the Highway Taxes will enable them

Voted To raise the sum of twelve hundred Dollars for the support of the Poor for the year ensuing -

Voted To raise the sum of fifteen hundred Dollars to defray the necessary expenses of the Town the year ensuing

Voted That the Money raised for the support of the Poor, be subject to the disposal of the Overseers of the Poor -

Voted That the Schools be kept in the same way and manner in which they were kept the last year —

Voted To reconsider the last Vote.

Voted To refer the sixth Article of the Warrant to a Committee to make report at the next May Meeting.

Voted That said Committee consist of five.

Voted For said Committee and chose Jonathan Petham Esqr. William Adams Esqr. Revd Wilkes Allen, Aaron Chamberlin and Jacob Adams —

Voted That the above Committee be excused from any services and that another Committee be chosen in their stead, consisting of a gentleman in each School District.

Voted For said Committee and chose in School-District

No 1 — Revd Wilkes Allen —
No 2 Majr. Joseph Fletcher —
No 3 Henry Spalding 3d
No 4 Thomas Cobarn
No 5 Joseph Adams
No 6 James Robbins
No 7 Stephen Pierce
No 8 Lieut. Alpheus Spalding
No 9 Adjt. Charles Blood
No 10 Majr. Nathl. Howard —
No 11. Nathaniel Wright. Esqr.

Voted That the Highways be repaired in the same way and manner, in which they were repaired the last year —

Voted That Swine shall not go at large in said Town the ensuing year.

Voted To accept the Report of the Committee, who were appointed to take a Deed of the Farm for the Poor, and make repairs &c on the same.

Voted That a Committee be chosen to grant Certificates to any persons who may be desirous of becoming Members of the Congregational Society in said Town. over which the Revd Wilkes Allen is ordained —

Voted That the Moderator nominate said Committee.

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Voted "for said Committee and chose Dea. Noah Spalding, Dea. Owen Emerson and Dea. Luke Thompson

Voted That the assessors make the highway Taxes this year by the Invoice of the last year, making such alterations and additions as they may judge proper

Voted To dismiss the Meeting —

A true Record, attest. Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Settlement with the Town Treasurer - 1823 -

The Subscribers a Committee chosen to examine and adjust the account with the Town Treasurer, have attended to that Service and submit the following Report. We find the Treasurer charged with Ministerial Money due the Town March 1. 1822 ---------- $39.12
To Ministerial Money received of John Bateman Collector for 1822 ---------- 308.00
To Ministerial Money received of Luther Marshall Collector for 1822 ---------- 305.40
To Ministerial Money received of Thomas Coburn Collector for 1821 ---------- 19.20
amounting to the sum of ---------- $671.72
and credited as follows.
By Cash paid Rev. Wilkes Allen on orders --- 500.00
By Cash paid Rev. Wilkes Allen for interest on an order --- 0.75
By Cash paid Jonathan Perham Esqr. Azariah Proctor and Wm. Laws jr. on orders --- 21.83
Amounting to the sum of --- $522.58
Leaving a Balance in the hands of the Treasurer due the Town, of --- $149.14

The Treasurer is further charged.
To cash due the Town March 1, 1822 --- 183.61
To cash received of Conditional Exemtts in the Militia. --- 36.00
To Cash received of Sundry persons --- 30.16
To cash received of William Laws jr. collector for 1820 Town and School Money --- 26.47
To cash received of Isaac Bancroft, collector for 1821, Town and School Money --- 115.90
To cash received of Thomas Coburn, collector for 1821, Town and School Money --- 788.50
To cash received of Luther Marshall, collector for 1822, Town and School Money --- 551.00

To cash received of John Bateman collector for
1822. Town and School Money ---- ℔ 737.00
Amounting to the sum of 3509.64
and is credited as follows ...
By Cash paid Sundry persons on Orders
from the Selectmen ---- 3517.64
Leaving a Balance due the Treasurer ----
from the Town, of ---- 8.00
I assent to the above report-
Joseph Warren
Town Treasurer-

Jonathan Perham
Benj. Chamberlin
Nathaniel Howard } Committee

Chelmsford Feby. 28. 1823 -

Your Committee would further state that there is
of Ministerial Money due from Thomas Coburn, collector
for 1821. ---- ℔ 21.32
Ministerial money due from John Bateman
collector for 1822 ---- 39.81
Amounting to the sum of- ---- ℔ 61.13
There is also of Town and School Money due from
Thomas Coburn, Collector for 1821 ---- 624.97
Overlayings of State and County Tax ---- 6.94
There is also of Town and School Money due from
Isaac Banerofft, Collector for 1821 ---- 198.64
Overlayings of State and County Tax ---- 3.12
There is of Town and School Money due from
John Bateman, Collector for 1822 ---- 1592.72
Overlayings of State and County Tax ---- 8.00
Highway delinquents ---- 67.12
There is of Town and School Money due from
Luther Marshall, Collector for 1822 1136.09
Overlayings of State and County Tax ---- 4.78
Amounting to the sum of ---- 3642.58

That orders have been drawn by the Selectmen which are unpaid to the amount of —— ——— ℔ 4417.58
That the demands against the Town for which orders have not been drawn amount to — 500.00
Amounting to the sum of —— ——— 4917.58

Your Committee therefore are of opinion that the existing demands against the Town amount to the sum of ℔1275.00 more than the balance due from the Treasurer and Collectors

Chelmsford Feby. 28th. 1823

Jonathan Perham
Benj: Chamberlin
Nath.l Howard
} Committee,

Recorded by Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Report of the Committee who purchased The Farm for the Poor ——

The Committee appointed to take a Deed of the farm of Capt. Salathiel Adams, and to make the necessary preparations for the reception of the Poor, have attended to that duty as stated in the following

Report.

On the first day of February last your Committee received a Deed of the farm of Capt. Salathiel Adams, to the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, for which they paid ℔2950 ——

They have also agreeable to the vote of the Town borrowed the sum of ℔3500. on the credit of the Town and have given Notes for the same to the following persons viz —

(1823)

To Capt. Abraham Prescott a note of $1500—
To Abbot and Fletcher Do — 600—
To Capt. John Butterfield " Do " 426—
To Henry Adams " Do " 300—
To Samuel Davis " Do " 274—
To Zebulon Spalding " Do " 200—
To Oliver Parkhurst " Do " 100—
To Moses Parker " Do " 100—

amounting in all to the sum of $3500—

Your Committee have expended the sum of $530.72 for Provisions, repairs, furniture, Stock, and other necessaries for the accommodation of the Poor, having a balance of $19.28 unexpended, They therefore request the Town to direct your Committee to pay said Balance to the Overseers of the Poor, and that your Committee be discharged from any further Services — All which is respectfully submitted.

March 3d. 1823 —

Jonathan Perham
Jael Adams } Committee
Josiah Fletcher

Recorded by Jael Adams, Town Clerk

(April Meeting, 1823)

Middlesex ss. To Ezekiel Byam one of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in said County. — Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives, also those qualified by Law to vote for Town officers and in Town affairs to assemble at the Meeting house in the Middle of said Town on Monday the seventh day of April next at three O. clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles viz.

1 To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting.

2 To give in their votes for a Treasurer for the County of Middlesex.

3 To fill up all vacant town offices.

4 To see in what way the Taxes shall be collected the year ensuing.

5 To see if the Town will choose a Committee to make the annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer.

6 To see if the Town will direct that horses, neat cattle, or other commonable beasts, or any description there of shall not go at large within the limits of said Town without a Keeper.

7 To see if the Town will accept of the regulations & by laws made by the overseers of the Work house for the government of the same, or act any thing thereon that the Town think proper.

8 At the request of Amos Whitney and another, to see if the Town will order the Selectmen to cause a Statement of the expenses of the town for the year past, to be printed for the information of the Inhabitants thereof.

9 To determine in what manner the Invoice shall be taken for the present year. Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon unto us at or before said time appointed for said Meeting.

(Given)

(April Meeting. 1823.)

Given under our hands and Seals at said Chelmsford this twenty first day of March A.D. 1823.

Caleb Abbott
Nathaniel Wright
John Shed
} Selectmen of Chelmsford.

Recorded by Joel Adams. Town Clerk

Constables Return thereon.

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford, March 23d. A.D. 1823. In obedience to the within Warrant I have posted up four attested Copies of said warrant viz. one Copy at the Meeting house in the middle of the Town, and one Copy at the Baptist Meeting house, also one Copy at the Store of Capt. Phinias Whiting and one at the Store of Mr. Josa Smith in said Town for the purposes within mentioned.

Attest. Ezekiel Byam
} Constable of Chelmsford.

Recorded by Joel Adams Town Clerk

Middlesex ss. April 29th. 1823

This day Benjamin Byam of Chelmsford in said County personally appeared and made oath that he would faithfully discharge the Duties of Sealer of Weights and Measures in & for said Town of Chelmsford for the present year

Before me Joel Adams. Town Clerk

April Meeting. 1823

Town of Chelmsford. Monday. April 7th. 1823.

At a legal town Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives, and also of those qualified by law to vote for Town Officers and in Town affairs, holden at the Meeting House in the Middle of said Town on Monday the Seventh day of April A.D. 1823. the Town proceeded as follows, viz.

Voted For a Moderator and chose Jonathan Perham Esqr.

Voted For County Treasurer, and the Votes were for John Keyes, Esqr., thirty four, (34)

Voted To excuse James Bowers from serving as a Surveyor of Highways—

Voted For a Surveyor of Highways in the stead of James Bowers, and chose Capt. Amos Whitney—

Voted That the Collection of the Taxes for the ensuing year be put up at Auction, and struck off to the lowest bidder—
The Collection of the Taxes for the South End of the Town was put up, and Struck off to Luther Marshall at two cents on a Dollar—
The Collection of the Taxes for the North End of the Town was put up, and struck off to Luther Marshall at three cents and three mills on a Dollar.

Voted For a Collector of Taxes and chose Luther Marshall.

Voted To choose a Committee to make the annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer—

Voted For said Committee and chose Jesse Smith, Joel Adams, and Samuel Stevens Esqrs—

Voted To excuse Jesse Smith from serving on said Committee and chose Majr. Nathaniel Howard in his stead.

Voted To allow neat Cattle and other commonable Beasts to go at Large in said Town the year ensuing—

April Meeting. 1823.

Voted To accept and approve of the Regulations and Bylaws made by the Overseers of the Workhouse, and that the same be added to & by the Town.

Voted That the Selectmen cause a Statement of the Expenditures of the Town for the past year to be printed for the information of the Inhabitants of the Town, and each family be furnished with one Copy.

Voted That the Assessors apply to each person, and require him or her to give an Invoice of his or her property, and require the same to be verified by oath &c

Voted To dismiss the Meeting.

Attest Record, Attest. Jacl Adams, Town Clerk.

The following are Bylaws & Regulations made by the Overseers of the Poor, and adopted & approved of by the Town in legal Town Meeting on the Seventh day of April A. D. 1823 – to wit –

" At a stated monthly Meeting of the Overseers of the Work House of the Town of Chelmsford on the Sixth day of March 1823, the following orders & Regulations were made and are now presented to the Town for their approbation, Viz –

Bye Laws

or

Orders and Regulations of Chelmsford Work House

Sec 1st The overseers of the Poor shall have the inspection and government of the work house, with full power

to appoint a Master and needful Assistants, and to contract with with them for their wages, also to remove them from said trust whenever they shall deem it expedient.

2d 2 The said Overseers shall meet at the workhouse on the first Saturday in every month, at 2 of the Clock P. M. as their Stated Monthly Meeting, to make such orders and regulations relating to said house as they shall judge necessary; one of the overseers shall visit the work house once a week to ascertain if the Master thereof conforms to the rules and regulations of the said work house —

3d 3. Whenever any person liable to be sent to said Work house shall be sent there by an order in writing of one or more of the said Overseers, or by any Justice of the Peace on complaint, it shall be the duty of said Master to receive such person into said Work house & there support and employ such person agreeably to the rules and regulations therof

4th. The Master of the work house shall keep a Book wherein shall be entered all orders and regulations made for the government of said House

5th. The Master of the Work house shall have the controul and government of all persons employed therein, and shall manage and employ them from time to time as the overseers shall order and direct, and shall keep a Book, wherein the names of all persons received into said work house, and the time when received and dismissed, shall be entered — He shall also keep an account of the expenses of said work house, and also an account of the produce of the farm attached to the said Work house; and also an account of the Articles of Produce or Manufacture sold, and exhibit the same to the Overseers of the Poor, whenever thereunto requested.

6th. The Master of the work house shall keep an Inventory of the farming tools, Household furniture, beds & bedding, and other property belonging to the Town

7th. The Master of the work house shall have power to reward the faithful and industrious, by granting favors & indulgences, but he is at the same time fully empowered and authorized

to punish at his discretion the Idle Stuborn, disorderly and disobedient, by immediate confinement without any food other than bread and water.

8th. The Master of the work house shall cause said House and furniture to be kept clean and in good order, and shall cause habits of cleanliness, neatness and decency to be strictly observed by all persons received into said work house.

9th. The Master of the work house shall cause the Lord's Day to be strictly observed.

10th Every person who may be received into said work house or be a Member thereof must obey the orders & regulations there and the commands of the Master, and will be required by him diligently to work and labor as he shall direct according to age, health and capacity.

11th. Every person who shall absent himself or herself from the said work house and the appendages thereof and form thereunto belonging, or go without the limits thereof without leave of the Master or shall conceal him or herself from the Master, shall be deemed to be an Idle, Stuborn & disorderly person and punished accordingly

12th The use of Spirituous liquors is strictly prohibited, except when the Master, Physician, or Overseers of the work house shall otherwise order, and no person shall be allowed to have or keep in their possession, or bring or receive any Spirituous liquors into said work house.

13th The Regulations or Bill of Fare for persons received into the work House shall be as near as possible as follows.

For Breakfast and Supper.

Hasty pudding and Milk, or Molasses, bread & Milk, or Milk porridge, Shells, or Chocolate, — and

For Dinner on each day in the week, as follows—

Sunday — Baked meat & beans, & Indian pudding —

Monday — Boiled Salt Meat & Vegitables.

Tuesday — Soup.

Wednesday, — Salt fish and potatoes,

Thursday — Roast or baked Meat & Vegitables.

Friday — Stewed beans or peas, with Meat.

Saturday — Salt fish and potatoes.
Provided however that suitable food and necessaries shall at all times be provided for the sick and infirm according to their age and condition.

John Butterfield
Shechiah Spalding
Ephraim Adams } Overseers of the Poor.

In Town Meting April 7th. 1823 —
Voted to accept the above Report and that the same be approved of as the By Laws of the Work House —

Recorded by Joel Adams Town Clerk

Engine Men appointed.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Chelmsford, The Merrimack Manufacturing Company, by their Agent represent, That they are proprietors of a fire engine in said Chelmsford, which they are desirous should be employed for the benefit of said Town; they therefore request you to appoint a number of suitable persons for Enginemen, agreeable to the law in such case made and provided

April 24. 1823 Kirk Boott. Agnt M. M. Co —

On the foregoing request we have appointed the following persons Engine Men to said Engine, viz, Jonathan Burbank, Nathaniel Holmes, William Pearson, Samuel S. Churchill, Amos Pearson, John Boutwell, Saml Heaselton, Leonard Cushing, Stephen W. Balcom, Stephen Cushing, John Dummer, Simeon C. Sargent, David Hamlet, Joseph M. Dodge, Abel Lincoln, Charles Nichols, John T. Spafford, John Clark, Denis Doane, Calvin Fairbanks & William Whall 3rd all of said Chelmsford

May. 1. 1823,

Caleb Abbott
Nath. Wright
John Shed } Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Joel Adams. Town Clerk

179 May Meeting Warrant 1823.

Seal Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of Chelmsford in said
Seal County Greeting.
Seal You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Chelmsford, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives, also those qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Meeting house in the middle of said Town on Thursday the first day of May next at two O. clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles, viz.

1 To make choice of some suitable person or persons to represent this Town in the General Court of said Commonwealth the ensuing year.

2 To choose a Moderator.

3° To hear the report of the Committee chosen at the last Town meeting, to report in what way and manner the School should be kept in said Town the year ensuing, and act any thing thereon. Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, unto one of the Selectmen at or before said time appointed for said Meeting.

Given under our hands and Seals at said Chelmsford this Eighteenth day of April A.D. 1823

Caleb Abbott
Nathaniel Wright
John Shed
} Selectmen of Chelmsford.

Recorded by Jael Adams, Town Clerk

Return on the foregoing Warrant

" Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford April 19. 1823.

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the within mentioned Inhabitants by posting up 4 attested Copies of said Warrants, viz. one at the Meeting house in the Middle of said Town, one at the Baptist Meeting house, one at the Store of Capt. Phinias Whiting, and one at the Store of Mr. Jesse Smith, all in said Chelmsford

Luther Marshall } Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jacob Adams, Town Clerk

May Meeting, 1823

At a legal Town Meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Chesterfield, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court, and also of those qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, holden at the Meeting house in the Middle of said Town on Thursday the first day of May A. D. 1823, they proceeded as follows, viz.

Voted That the Town will not elect a Representative, to represent this Town in the General Court of this Commonwealth the present year.

Voted For a Moderator to govern the Meeting, and chose Jonathan Perham Esqr.

Voted To accept the Report of the Committee on the subject of the Town Schools.

Voted That the Town choose a Committee to examine & inspect the Town Schools, without expense to the Town.

Voted For said Committee and chose Revd Wilkes Allen, Jael Adams, Nathaniel Wright Esqr. Dr. John C. Dalton and Dr. John C. Green.

Voted To dismiss the Meeting

Attest Jael Adams Town Clerk

In Town meeting holden by adjournment on the seventh of April 1823, it was voted to refer the 6th article viz to see in what way & manner the schools shall be kept in said town the ensuing year &c. to a committee, consisting of one gentleman in each school district, and the following gentlemen were chosen, viz. No. 1. Wilkes Allen No. 2 Joseph Fletcher. No. 3 Henry Spalding 3d No 4 Thomas Coburn, No. 5 Joseph Adams No. 6 James Robbins. No 7. Stephen Pierce No. 8 Alpheus Spalding. No. 9 Charles Flood. No. 10 Nath[l] Howard, and No. 11 Nathaniel Wright.

The Committee, deeply impressed with the importance of the subject referred to their consideration, have bestowed upon it the most careful attention by examining the statute Law for establishing and maintaining English and Grammar schools enacted in 1789, and the opinion of the Supreme Judicial Court upon the sense and construction of this Law, given in the case of an indictment, found by the grand jurors of Norfolk county against the inhabitants of the town of Dedham for neglecting to procure and support a grammar schoolmaster, of good morals, and well instructed in the Latin Greek and English language in the year 1816; and are led first of all to consider the nature and characteristics of a grammar school. It appears on the face of the Statute, that no person can be lawfully employed to teach a grammar school, unless he shall have recieved an education at some college or university, and before entering on the said business, shall produce satisfactory evidence thereof, that is, that he has had his education at a College or University; or unless the person so employed, shall produce a certificate from a learned minister, well skilled in the Greek and Latin languages, settled in the town or place where the school is proposed to be kept, or two other such ministers in the vicinity thereof, that they have reason to believe, that he is well qualified to discharge the duties devolved upon such school-master and that he is of competent skill in the Greek and Latin languages for the said purposes. And he shall also produce a certificate from a settled minister of the town district, parish or place to which such candidate belongs or from the Selectmen of such town or district or

committee of each town or district, that to the best of his or their knowledge, he sustains a good moral character and action. This last article concerning morals shall not be deemed necessary, where the candidate for such school belongs to the place where the same is proposed to be kept.

2 The next characteristic of a grammar school is, that no youth shall be sent to such grammar schools, unless they shall have learned in some other school or in some other way, to read the English language by spelling the same; or unless the select men shall direct the grammar school master to receive and instruct such youth. —

3. The third characteristic of a grammar school according to the Supreme Judicial Court in the case of Dedham above referred to, is, that it must be kept in or near the center of the town for the use and benefit of all the inhabitants not in one, two, or three, districts; the inhabitants of which only are benefited. And 4th That it must be kept constantly thro' the year with a reasonable allowance only for vacations. Hence it appears that no such school as the law denominates a grammar school, has ever been taught in this town, all having been deficient in some or all the above characteristics. —

But as the subject is important, and has not been, nor indeed is now rightly understood, your committee think it expedient for a better understanding of the law to copy into their report the substance of the opinion of the Supreme Judicial Court in the case of an indictment found against the town of Dedham decided 1818 for neglecting to procure and support a grammar school master. The town of Dedham, it is only necessary to remark, had been in the practice of having their schools taught, in a manner similar to that in which the schools in this town have for several years past been kept. The opinion of the Court was given by Judge Wild, and is as follows.

We have taken time for the consideration of this case, not because we thought it entangled with much difficulty; but because we felt unwilling to give a

hasty construction to a statute, which has relation to a subject of general interest and importance; and which tho' it has been in operation many years, has not been much discussed in our courts of law. And this statute we have bestowed considerable attention and we have no remaining doubts as to its construction.

The first section requires among other things, that every town or district containing 200 families, or householders shall be provided with a grammar school master, of good morals well instructed in the Latin, Greek and English languages; and shall in addition thereto be provided with a schoolmaster or schoolmasters to instruct children in the English language for such term of time as shall be equivalent to twelve months for each of said schools in each year. The fifth section provides that no person shall be employed as a grammar school-master, unless he shall have received an education at some college, and before entering on the business of said school shall produce satisfactory evidence of having had a college education, or shall produce a certificate of a learned minister or minister that he is of competent skill in the Greek and Latin languages for the said purpose. The words of the statute are express and the meaning is too obvious to admit of a doubt. No person can be lawfully employed as a school master unless he first produce the certificates or evidence required by the statute.

Again to constitute a grammar school within the meaning of the statute, it must be duly regulated as to the admission of scholars; and the master must be engaged to teach a school of that description.

Again the grammar schools required by the statute are to be maintained for the benefit of the whole town; as it is the wise policy of the law to give all the Inhabitants equal privileges for the education of their children in the public schools. Nor is it in the power of the majority to deprive the minority of this privilege. If then the schools in three or four districts are to be considered as grammar schools and those

-5 in other districts are of another description the whole proceedings of the town have been irregular and it may well be doubted whether the money of the town can be lawfully appropriated to the support of schools thus instituted. - Every inhabitant of the town has a right to participate in the benefits of both descriptions of schools, and it is not competent for a town to establish a grammar school for one part of the town to the exclusion of the other. The two descriptions of schools are to be considered, as distinct and independent of each other. Both must be town schools, and not schools for the benefit of a part only. The Court are all of opinion that the delinquency of the town of Dedham is clearly proved.

This case perhaps describes that of three fourths of the towns of the Commonwealth.

It appears then from the statute and opinion of Court above recited that two descriptions of schools are contemplated. The one is purely an English school to be kept, for the better accommodation of all the inhabitants of a town, in districts the other a grammar or Greek and Latin school in connection with English, to be kept in or near the centre of towns for the benefit of all their inhabitants.

Your Committee are clearly and unanimously of opinion, that the schools as they have been kept are to be considered merely English schools and that the committee men in the respective districts are at at full liberty to employ such men only for school masters as are qualified by law to teach English schools.

With respect to the division of school money among the several districts, your committee are sensible that the smaller districts are by their local situation under peculiar disadvantages, for which they feel inadequate to devise any remedy, and therefore recommend that each district draw from the treasury

and appropriate to the support of schools the sums only, which the inhabitants thereof respectively pay.
That one third part of the money thus drawn be appropriated to the support of a female teacher in each district.
And whereas the town has recently purchased a farm for its use in the maintenance and support of the poor in district No. 5th by which the inhabitants of that district suffer a diminution in the means of supporting their schools it is recommended in order to restore them to an equality of rights and privileges, that said farm be taxed as heretofore paid by the overseers and charged to the establishment as an item of its outgoes or expenditures.
The committee also in furtherance of the benevolent design of schools and for the more effectual operation of a provision in the statute for the inspection of schools once in six months at least, by the minister or ministers and select-men or a committee chosen for that purpose, recommend that a committee of five persons of competent knowledge and skill be annually chosen by ballot to inspect and regulate the schools, who shall perform the duty imposed upon them by law without expense to the town, and that the said committee for the inspecting and regulating schools make an annual report to the town in May, of the state & condition of schools, the manner in which they have been taught and governed, the number of scholars who have attended school in each district and of each sex.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. Allen. Chm

Recorded by Joel Adams. Town Clerk

Town Meeting, Sept. 15th 1823

Warrant

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex ss. To Luther Marshall one of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in said County, Greeting.

L.S. L.S. You are required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Chelmsford, qualified by law, to vote in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said Town on Monday the fifteenth day of September inst. at three o'clock in the afternoon, to act the following article, viz.

To see what the Town will do, with respect to making the road, that has been laid out from Beaver-brook bridge to Bedford, and act any thing thereon that they may think proper.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for said Meeting.

Given under our hands and Seals at said Chelmsford the fourth day September A. D. 1823

Caleb Abbott } Selectmen
Nathaniel Wright } of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jael Adams, Town Clerk.

Officers return

Middlesex, ss. Town of Chelmsford September 5. 1823.

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have Warned the within mentioned Inhabitants by posting up 4 attested Copies of said Warrant, the one at the Meeting house in the Middle of said Town, one at the Baptist Meeting house, one at the Store of Capt. Phineas Whiting, and one at the Store of Mr. Jesse Smith, all in said Chelmsford.

Luther Marshall, Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by

Jael Adams, Town Clerk

At a legal Town Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, holden at the Meeting house in the Middle of said Town on Monday the fifteenth day of September A.D. 1823. The Town proceeded as follows, to wit.

1. Voted for a Moderator by Ballot, and chose Capt. William Fletcher Jr.
2. Voted, to make and open the new road lately laid out in this Town, leading from Beaver Brook bridge to Bedford.
3 Voted to chose a Committee to let out the making of said road, to consist of three persons.
4 Voted for said Committee and chose Capt. John Butterfield, Samuel Davis, and Shechiah Spalding.
5 Voted to dismiss the Meeting.

Recorded by Joel Adams. Town Clerk

(A.D. 1824)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex, ss. To Ezekiel Byam one of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in said County, Greeting:

L.S. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to warn & give notice unto the Freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town of Chelmsford, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Meeting house in the Middle of said Town on Monday the twenty sixth day of January, instant, at two of the Clock in the afternoon, to act on the following Articles, to wit —

1. To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting.
2. at the Special request of Aaron Chamberlin and others, "To see what method the Town will take to stop, or prevent the spread of the small Pox, or act any thing thereon that the Town may think proper"

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, unto one of the Selectmen, at or before the time appointed for said Meeting.

Given under our hands and Seals at said Chelmsford the twenty first day of January, A.D. 1824,

Caleb Abbott } Selectmen
John Shed } of Chelmsford

Recorded by
Jack Adams. Town Clerk

Return of the officer.

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford January 23, 1824

In obedience to the within, I have warned, and given notice unto, all the free holders & other inhabitants of said Town of Chelmsford, qualified as within mentioned, to assemble at the time & place, & for the purposes within mentioned

Ezekiel Byam, Constable of Chelmsford.

Recorded by.
Jack Adams. Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex ss.

At a legal Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified by law to vote in Town affairs holden at the Meeting house in the middle of said Town on Monday the twenty sixth day of January A.D. 1824, at two of the Clock in the afternoon. The Town proceeded as follows, to wit —

1 Voted for a Moderator to govern the Meeting, and Jack Adams was chosen —

2 Voted that the Selectmen provide a suitable Hospital in this Town for the reception of all persons, who are, or may be, infected with the Small Pox.

3. Voted to choose a Committee to petition the Legislature to enact a Law making it the duty of the Selectmen of each Town in this Commonwealth to provide annually at the expense of the Town for the Vaccination of the Inhabitants thereof —

4. Voted that said Committee consist of three.

5. Voted for said Committee and chose Francis Brinley Jr Esqr, William Adams, Esqr and Mr. Kirk Boott —

6 Voted to dismiss the Meeting —

Recorded by
Jack Adams, Town Clerk.

Warrant for March Meeting. 1824.

Middlesex. ss. To Luther Marshall one of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in said County. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote for Town Officers & in Town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said Town on Monday, the first day of March next at nine O'clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles, viz.

1. To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting.
2. To make choice of Town-Officers for the ensuing year.
3. To hear the report of the Committee chosen to settle with the Town-Treasurer, & act thereon.
4. To grant money for the support of the ministry, and other parochial charges.
5. To grant money for the support of Schools, the Poor, Roads and all other town charges.
6. To direct in what way and manner the Schools shall be kept in said Town the ensuing year.
7. To direct in what way and manner the roads and bridges shall be repaired the ensuing year.
8. To see if the Town will give liberty for Swine to go at large the ensuing year.
9. To choose Overseers of the Work house for the ensuing year.
10. To see if the Town will repair or rebuild their part of the Bridge over Concord River and near the mouth thereof, and also the Bridge over Stoney-Brook near the dwelling house of the late Isacher Keyes, or act thereon.
11. To choose a Committee to give certificates to members of the first Congregational Society in said Town.
12. On the request of John Fletcher 2d and others, to see if the Town will establish a new School District in the northeast part of said Town, or act thereon.

13 On the request of William Adams Esqr. to see if the town will direct the assessors to abate any part of his taxes for the last year

14 On the request of John Butterfield and others, to see if the town will widen or straighten the road opposite the house of the Widow Benj: Parkhurst, or act thereon as they may judge expedient.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant, with your doings therein unto one of the Selectmen, at or before the time appointed for said Meeting.

Given under our hands and Seals this eighteenth day of February A.D. 1824.

Caleb Abbott
Nathaniel Wright } Selectmen of Chelmsford.

Recorded by Joel Adams, Town Clerk

(Constable's Return)

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford Feby. 21. 1824 — Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said Town, by posting up four attested Copies of the same — viz. one at the meeting house in the Middle of said Town, one at the Baptist Meeting house, one at the Store of Capt. Phineas Whiting, and one at the Store of Mr. Jesse Smith in said Town, for the purposes within expressed.

Luther Marshall,
Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Annual Meeting in March A.D. 1824 —

Town of Chelmsford, Monday. March 1st A.D. 1824 —
At a legal Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote for Town officers, and in Town affairs, holden at the Meeting house in the Middle of said Town, on Monday the first day of March A.D. 1824, the town proceeded as follows to wit.

Voted For a Moderator by ballot and chose Majr. Nath.l Howard.
Voted For a Town-Clerk by ballot & chose Jacob Adams —
Voted To choose three Selectmen on one Ticket or Ballot.
Voted For three Selectmen by ballot and made choice of Capt. Caleb Abbott. Nathaniel Wright Esqr. and Capt. John Shed
Voted To choose three Overseers of the Poor on one Ticket or Ballot.
Voted For three Overseers of the Poor by ballot, and chose Capt. John Butterfield, Capt. Shereback Spalding, and Mr. Ephraim Adams —
Voted For a Town-Treasurer by ballot and chose Benj: Chamberl.
Voted To choose two Constables.
Voted For the Northend Constable by ballot and chose Mr. Luther Marshall
Voted For the South end Constable by ballot & chose Mr. Ezekiel Byam —
Voted To choose six Fishwardens —
Voted For Fishwardens by ballot and chose Samuel Davis Esqr. Daniel Fletcher, Micajah Bowers, James Pitts, Daniel Perham, and Sidney Spalding.
Voted To choose a School Committee, consisting of one person in each School District —
Voted For said Committee and chose in

School-District, No. one,		Owen Emerson Junr
Do	No two	Johnson Davis —
Do	No three	Henry Spalding 3d
Do	No four	Ezekiel Byam —
Do	No five	Ephraim Adams.

in School District No six, Josiah Byam
Do No Seven. Benj: Livingstone
Do No Eight, Josiah K. Parkhurst
Do No Nine, Timothy Read
Do No Ten, Samuel Adams
Do No. Eleven, Nathaniel Wright, Esq.

Voted Ter Surveyors of Highways and chose, Henry Coburn jr, Willard Read. John Tesher, Isaiah Spalding, Capt. John Butterfield, Asa Hodgman jr. David Dutton, Micajah Bowers, Benjamin Blood, Capt. Zachus Wright, Oliver Pierce, Benj: Chamberlin,

Voted To excuse Benj: Chamberlin, and James Marshall was chosen Surveyor of Highways in his Stead

Voted To excuse Asa Hodgman jr and chose Joseph Warren jun: Surveyor of Highways in his Stead

Voted To choose five fence Viewers and chose Eli Parker, Capt. Zachus Wright, John Carlton, Ira Spalding, and Simon Parker

Voted To choose six Field drivers, and chose Calvin Fairbanks, Micajah Parkhurst, Isaac Chamberlin jr., Samuel Tyler, Daniel Tuck, and Jonas Spalding

Voted To choose eleven Surveyors of Lumber, and chose James H.B. Ayer, Samuel Fox Woods, Jonathan Tyler, Jonathan Bowers, Charles Cutler, Josiah Webber, Thomas Lovett, Azariah Proctor jr., Isaac Chamberlin jun, Henry Coburn jr and John Fletcher 2d

Voted To choose one Measurer of Wood in each School District. and chose in District No one, Samuel Stevens, Esq.
Do No two, Charles Cutler,
Do No three, Henry Spalding 3d
Do No four, Joseph Chamberlin
Do No five, Sherebiah Spalding
Do No six, Solomon Byam
Do No Seven, Sprake Livingstone
Do No Eight, Ira Spalding
Do No nine Robert B. Chamberlin
Do No ten Joseph Chamberlin jr
Do No eleven, John Fletcher 2d

March Meeting. 1824

Voted To choose one more Measurer of Wood in District No one and chose Charles Blood

Voted To choose one more Measurer of Wood in District No two and chose Jonathan Bowers

Voted To choose twenty Hog Reeves, and chose Artemas Holden, James Bowers, Zacheus Fletcher, Timothy Frye, Owen Spalding, Charles Melven, Jonathan Morse, Owen Emerson, Samuel Dunn, John Mead, Frederick Remmo, Amos Carlton, Asa Hodgman Jr, Josiah Byam, Levi T. Prescott, Ebenr Cowdr, Frederick Van-Dorn, George Richardson, Humphrey Webster and John Farwell Jr

Voted To choose four Wighers of hay and chose Solomon Adams, Phineas Whiting, Willard Read, and James Tyler

Voted To choose two Inspectors of Lime, and chose Capt John Shed and Ebenr Spalding

Voted To choose two Cullers of Staves, and chose Mr. Jacob Kidder and Amos Whitney Jenr

Voted To choose one more Culler of Staves and chose Artemas Holden

Voted To accept the Report of the Committee who made the annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer

Voted To pospone the fourth Article in the Warrant to April Meeting

Voted and granted the sum of one thousand Dollars for the support of the Town Schools the ensuing year,

Voted and granted the sum of fifteen hundred Dollars for the repairs of the roads and bridges the ensuing year,

Voted and granted the sum of twelve hundred Dollars for the support of the Poor, and to pay the Poor-Debt.

Voted and granted the sum of fifteen hundred Dollars to defray the necessary expenses of the Town

Voted That the School-Money be apportioned in the same way and manner it was the last year

Voted That the Roads and Bridges be repaired in the same way and manner they were the last year,

Voted To restrain Swine from going at large in this Town the ensuing year

Voted That the Overseers of the Poor be overseers of the Work House,
Voted That the Selectmen be a committee to view the Bridge near the mouth of Concord River, and that they rebuild their town part of said Bridge, if they shall adjudge it necessary
Voted, That the Selectmen view the Bridge over Stoney-Brook near the house of the late Issachar Keyes, and that they repair or rebuild the same, if necessary
Voted To postpone the eleventh article in the Warrant to April Meeting
Voted To repeal the twelfth article in the Warrant to the Selectmen, to make report at the April Meeting
Voted, To dismiss the thirteenth in the Warrant
Voted That the Selectmen view the Road mentioned in the fourteenth Article, and make report at the April Meeting
Voted, To excuse Benjamin Blood from serving as a Surveyor of highways, and chose Timothy Read in his stead
Voted To dismiss the Meeting

A true Record, attest Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Middlesex ss. March 1. 1824 — Joel Adams personally appeared and made oath that he would faithfully record all Votes passed at the Town Meeting at which he is chosen Town Clerk, and all other Meetings during the year, and until another Clerk shall be chosen and sworn in his stead, and also faithfully to discharge all the other duties of his office, Before me Jon.a Perham
Justice of the Peace

Recorded by Joel Adams. Town Clerk

Town officers for the year 1824 Sworn,

Town of Chelmsford March 1st 1824.

The following named persons were on the above said day in legal Town Meeting, chosen into the several offices set against their respective names, and have appeared and taken the oath required by law to qualify them for the office into which they are respectively chosen, to wit,

time of taking the oath. April 5th	Caleb Abbott	Selectmen
	Nathaniel Wright	
	John Shed	
Apr. 5th	Caleb Abbott	Assessors
	Nathaniel Wright	
	John Shed	
21	Benjamin Chamberlin.	Town Treasurer
	Luther Marshall.	Constables
	Ezekiel Byam.	
March 1-	John Fisher	Surveyors of highways.
" 6	Zacheus Wright	
" 6	David Dutton	
" 6	James Marshall	
" 6	Isaiah Shalding	
Apr. 3d	Joseph Warren jun.	
March 17th.	Timothy Read	
April 5.	Micajah Bowers	
" 7	Henry Colburn Jr	
May. 1.	Willard Read	
March 6	Eli Parker -	fence viewers
		Inspectors of fence

March 6. time of taking the oath
Calvin Fairbanks
" Micajah Parkhurst
2 " Daniel Tuck

Field drivers —

March 6 James H. B. Ayer
" Charles Cutler
" Azariah Proctor Jr
2 John Fletcher 2d
6 Jonathan Tyler
1. Jonathan Bowers
7 Henry Coburn Jr
June 21. Thomas Lovett

Surveyors of Lumber —

6 " Charles Cutler
" Solomon Byam
" Joseph Chamberlin

Measurers of Wood —

6 " Samuel Davis
6 " Sidney Spalding

Fishwardens —

April 6th Jacob Kidder —

Cullers of Staves

Hog Reeves —

Before me. Joel Adams. Town Clerk

(1824)

Annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer,

The Subscribers, a Committee to examine & adjust the Accounts with the Town Treasurer, have attended to the duty assigned them, and submit the following Report.

The Treasurer is charged with Ministerial Money,

Cash received of Mr. Joseph Warren, late Treasurer	℔ 149.14
Cash raised of Capt. John Bateman, Collector for 1822 —	39.81
Cash received of Mr. Luther Marshall, Collector for 1823 —	469.00
Cash received of Mr. Thomas Coburn, Col.r for 1821 —	8.96
amounting to — — —	℔ 666,91
And is credited by Cash paid Rev.d Wilkes Allen's orders	500 —
By Cash paid Sundry orders — — —	166.37
amounting to — — —	666.37
leaving a Balance in the hands of Treasurer of — —	℔ 0.54

The Treasurer is also charged with the sum of twenty five Dollars rec'd of conditional exempts in the Militia ℔ 25.00

The Treasurer is further charged with Town & School Money as follows —

Cash rec'd of Mr. Thomas Coburn Col.r for 1821 — —	262.44
Cash rec'd of Mr. Isaac Bancroft, Col.r for 1821	201.96
Cash rec'd of Lieut. John Bateman, Col.r for 1822 —	1164.16
Cash rec'd of Luther Marshall, Col.r for 1822	1133.75
Cash rec'd of Luther Marshall, Col.r for 1823 —	1003.34
amounting to — — —	℔ 3765.65
And credited with Cash paid out as per Sundry Orders from the Selectmen, amounting to —	℔ 3754.96
leaving a Balance due the Treasurer of —	11.31

Chelmsford
Feby. 26th. 1824

Joel Adams
Samel Stevens
Nathaniel Howard
} Committee

Agreed to, Benj.a Chamberlain, Treasurer —

Recorded by Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Warrant for Aprile Meeting 1824

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[L.S.]

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Middlesex ss. To Luther Marshall one of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in said County. Greeting —

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and Warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor. Lieut. Governor and Senators, to assemble at the Meeting house in the middle of said Town on Monday the 5th day of April next at one O. clock in the afternoon, to give in their Votes for a Governor, Lieut. Governor for the Commonwealth aforesaid, and for Senators for the District of Middlesex —
You are also required to notify and Warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote for Town officers, and in town affairs to assemble at the time and place aforesaid to act on the following Articles viz.

1 To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting.
2 To give in their Votes for a treasurer for the County of Middlesex
3 To fill up all vacant town offices.
4 To see in what way the Taxes shall be collected the ensuing year
5 To see if the town will choose a Committee to make the annual Settlement with Town Treasurer —
6 To see if the Town will direct that horses, neat cattle and other commonable beasts, or any description thereof shall not go at large within the limits of said town without a keeper or act any thing thereon.
7 To act on the articles refered from March to April Meeting.
8 At the request of Jesse Smith and others, to see if the Town will discontinue the road leading from the dwelling house of the late John Dunn to the road leading from Col. Joseph Bowers, north of the residence of the late Benj: Gould to the turnpike, it being a part of the old Boston road so called —.
9 At the request of William Byam and others to see if the Town will keep in repair, or direct to be repaired the road from the bridge near the dwelling house of Ephraim Warren to the pine woods, or act thereon as may be thought proper —

10 To see if the Town will choose a committee to examine the Schools, or act thereon.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for said Meeting.

Given under our hand and seals this twenty sixth day of March A.D. 1824

Caleb Abbott
Nathaniel Wright
John Shed
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford March 29th. 1824

I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said Town of Chelmsford as directed in the foregoing Warrant, by posting up four copies of said Warrant by me attested, to wit, one Copy at the Meeting house, in the Middle of said Town, one at the Baptist Meeting house in said Town, and one at the Store of Capt. Phineas Whiting, and one at the Store of Mr. Jesse Smith in said Town, for the purposes in the foregoing Warrant.

Luther Marshall, Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Joel Adams, Town Clerk

(A.D. 1824)

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, holden on the fifth day of April, being the first Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth —

The whole number of Votes given in were sorted, counted and record and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed, and were for the following persons, to wit

For Governor.

For Samuel Lathrop, one hundred and forty nine votes
William Eustis, one hundred & thirty eight votes
Jonathan Perham, one vote —

For Lieut. Gov.

For Richard Sullivan, one hundred & fifty one votes
For Marcus Morton, one hundred & thirty eight votes
To Samuel Davis, one vote —

Attest. Caleb Abbott } Selectmen
Nathaniel Wright } of
John Shed } Chelmsford

Joel Adams Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Senators & Counsellors, holden on the fifth day of April, being the first Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Senators and Counsellors, for the District of Middlesex. The whole number of Votes given in, were sorted, counted, and record and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed and were for the following persons, to wit —

For Abel Heywood, one hundred and forty nine
William Blanchard Jr., one hundred & forty eight
Edmund Parker, one hundred & forty three
William Hilliard, one hundred & forty three
Cyprus Baldwin, one hundred & ten
Levi Thaxter, one hundred & thirty nine
John Keyes, one hundred and thirty eight
John Wade, one hundred & thirty six
Micah M. Rutter, one hundred and forty
Seth Knowles, one hundred & thirty eight
John Abbot, forty four
Nathan Chandler, two
Augustus Tower, two
Luther Lawrence, one
Nahum H. Grout, one
Amos Whitney, one

Attest. Caleb Abbott
Nathaniel Wright
John Shed
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Jael Adams, Town Clerk

April Meeting, A. D. 1824

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex ss.

Town of Chelmsford. Monday April 5 A. D. 1824.

At a legal Meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives, and also of those qualified to vote for Town officers, and in Town affairs, holden at the Meeting house in the Middle of said Town, on monday the fifth day of April, A. D. 1824. The Town proceeded as follows, to wit —

Voted For a Moderator to govern the Meeting, and chose Majr. Jath Howard —

Voted For a County Treasurer for the County of Middlesex and the Votes were, for John Keyes, Esqr. ninety votes — (90)

Voted To choose a Committee to consist of three, to make the annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer —

Voted For said Committee and chose Jonathan Perham, Capt. Josiah Fletcher and Charles Blood —

Voted That horses, neat cattle, and other commonable beasts, shall not go at large within the Limits of said town without a keeper, during the year ensuing —

Voted To excuse Mr. Oliver Pierce from serving as a Surveyor of highways, and chose Mr. Jesse Moorse in his stead.

Voted That the Taxes for the present year be collected in the same way and manner, they were the last year —

The collection of the Taxes for the South End of the Town was then up and struck off to Mr. Luther Marshall at two cents on the Dollar, being the lowest bid —

The collection of the Taxes for the North End of the Town was then put up, and struck off to Mr. Luther Marshall at three cents and three Mills on the Dollar, being the lowest bid —

Voted For a Collector of Taxes and chose Mr. Luther Marshall

Voted and granted the Sum of four hundred and fifty dollars for the support of the Gospel Ministry in the center Meeting house, to be assessed upon the Members of the First Congregational Society in said Town —

Voted to choose a Committee of three to give Certificates to the Members of the first Congregational Society,
Voted For said Committee by ballot, and chose Dea. Owen Emerson, Mr. William Fletcher & Capt. C. Abbott,
Voted To adjourn this Meeting to the first Thursday in May next, at three o'clock P. M. at this place —

A true Record Attest, Josh. Adams. Town Clerk

Engine Men discharged &c.

April 27. 1824 — Engine men discharged from the Engine belonging to the M. M. Company, viz. William Pearson, Sewell Heaselton, John Boutell, Stephen W. Balcom, David Hamblet, Charles Nichols, John Clark, Denis Doane, Calvin Fairbanks, and William Whall the 3d — and The following persons appointed in their room. viz — James R. Barns, Daniel Balch, Francis Winch, Abner Ball, Jonathan Gould, Jonathan Jaquith, Nathan Robbins, Joseph Carlton, Daniel W. Furgerson & Jonathan Adams.

Caleb Abbott
Nathaniel Wright } Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Josh. Adams. Town Clerk

Warrant for May Meeting, A. D. 1824.

L. S. Middlesex ss. To Luther Marshall one of the
L. S. Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in said County,

Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives, to assemble at the Meeting house in the Middle of said Town on Thursday the sixth day of May next at two o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing one or more representatives to represent them at the General Court the current year.

You are also required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet at the time and place aforesaid to act on the following articles, viz.

1 To choose a Moderator.

2 To see if the town will accept a town way laid out by the Selectmen at the request of Robert B. Chamberlin & others from a gate about sixty rods north of the dwelling house of Isaac Chamberlin Jun.r to the Middlesex Turnpike, or act thereon.

3 At the request of John Farrar and others to see if the town will direct the Selectmen to lay out a road from his dwelling house to Farrars' Mills dam, or act any thing thereon.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for said Meeting.

Given under our hands and Seals at said Chelmsford this twenty third day of April A. D. 1824.

Caleb Abbott } Selectmen
Nath.l Wright } of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jael Adams, Town Clerk

(May Meeting 1824)

Middlesex ss. The Town of Chelmsford April 24th 1824.
Pursuant to the within Warrant I have posted up four attested
Copies of said Warrant, one at the Meeting house in the Middle
of said Town, one at the Baptist Meeting house, and one at the
Store of Capt. Phineas Whiting, and one at the Store of Mr. Jesse
Smith all in said Town, and for the purposes within
expressed Luther Marshall, Constable of
Chelmsford

Recorded by
Joel Adams, Town Clerk

May-Meeting 1824

At a legal Meeting of the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court, holden at the Meeting house in the middle of the Town, on Thursday the Sixth day of May A.D. 1824 –

Voted To choose one Representative to represent this town in the general Court the ensueing year

Voted For a Representative and votes were.

For Jonathan Perham Esqr, eighty four votes
For Joel Adams, Thirty three votes
For Amos Whitney, one vote –
and Jonathan Perham Esqr, was declared to be chosen

Attest Joel Adams. Town Clerk

At a legal Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in town affairs, holden as above stated

Voted For a Moderator & choose Jonathan Perham Esqr.

Voted To dismiss the third Article in the Warrant

Voted To accept and approve of the Town way as laid out and reported by the Selectmen across the land of Mr. Robert B. Chamberlin, on condition that Mr. Chamberlin shall first make and deliver to the Town a good & sufficient Deed of Conveyance of the land for the same, three rods in width for the sum of one hundred Dollars.

Voted To dismiss the Meeting –

A true Record Attest. Joel Adams. Town Clerk

At a legal Meting of the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, qualified by law to vote for town-offices, and in town affairs, holden at the Meting house in the Middle of said Town on Thursday the sixth day of May. A.D. 1824, at three of the clock in the afternoon, by adjournment from the first Monday in April last Majr. Nathaniel Howard being the Moderator -

Voted To dismiss the twelfth Article in the Warrant for March Meting - which was reped to April Meting.

Voted That the Road mentioned in the fourteenth Article of the Warrant for the March Meting, be widened and straightened, on condition that the owner of the land will accept of twenty nine Dollars for the land and Damages, the said Article having been reped to this Meting -

Voted To discontinue the Road as discribed in the eighth Article of the Warrant for April Meting, as requested by Jesse Smith and others

Voted That the Road from the Bridge near Ephraim Warrens house to the pine Woods be repaired as the other Town-roads are repaired, and that the same be included in the Surveyors Warrant.

Voted To accept of the Report of the School Committee -

Voted To choose a Committee to inspect the Schools the ensuing year.

Voted for said Committee and chose the Rev. Wilkes Allen, Joel Adams. Nathaniel Wright Esqr. Dr. John C - Dalton, and Dr John B. Green -

Voted To reconsider the vote restraining horses, neat cattle, and other commonable beasts from going at large in this Town the ensuing year

Voted That horses, neat cattle, and other commonable beasts be allowed to go at large in this Town the ensuing year without a keeper -

Voted To dismiss this Meting

A true Record -

Attest. Joel Adams, Town Clerk -

(1824)

Record of a Town-Way-

Laid out for the use of the Town of Chelmsford a town way as follows, viz. beginning at the end of the Wall south of the gate about twenty rods north of the dwelling house of Isaac Chamberlain Jun.r thence running easterly about fifty rods to the Middlesex Turnpike to a Stake & Stone about six feet south of the bars in the fence on the West side of said Turnpike, said way to be two rods wide and to lie on the north side of said course.

Caleb Abbott } Selectmen
Nathaniel Wright } of Chelmsford

April 7th. 1824

A true Record
Attest. Joel Adams. Town Clerk

In legal Town Meeting on the sixth day of May - 1824 -
It was voted that the Town accept and approve of the above said way

Attest. Joel Adams Town Clerk

"

Town of Chelmsford.
The Town's Standard was sealed May 25th. 1824
by Samuel Beals, Sealer.
Attest. Joel Adams. Town Clerk

"

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex ss. To Luther Marshall one of the Constables of Chelmsford in said County Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid to notify and Warn the Inhabitants of said Chelmsford qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representative to the General Court of said Commonwealth to assemble at the Meeting-house in the Middle of said town on Monday the first day of November next at two of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States.

2. To give in their votes for a Representative to the Congress of the United States for the Middlesex District.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, unto the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for said Meeting. Given under our hands and seals at said Chelmsford this twenty second day of October A.D. 1824.

Caleb Abbott
Nathaniel Wright } Selectmen of said Chelmsford

A true Record
Attest. Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford, October 23. 1824,

I have warned the within mentioned inhabitants, by posting up four Attested copies of the within Warrant, viz. one at the Meeting house in the Middle of said town, one at the Baptist Meeting-house & one at the Store of Capt. Phineas Whiting, and one at Mr. Jesse Smith's store, all in said Chelmsford.

Luther Marshall, Constable of Chelmsford

A true Record
Attest. Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Choice of Electors in 1824

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex, qualified according to the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden on the first day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States. The whole number of Votes given in were received sorted, counted and declared, and record thereof made in open Town Meeting as directed by the Resolve passed June 8. A.D. 1824, and were for the following persons:

Electors at large

Hon. William Gray	75
Hon. Levi Lincoln	75
Hon William Baylies	4
Hon. William Reed	4

Electors for Suffolk District.

Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop	75
Hon. Samuel Hubbard	4

Electors for Essex South District,

Hon. Nathaniel Silsbee	75
William Sutton, Esq	3
Hon. Leverett Saltonstall	1

Electors for Essex North District.

Dr. Joseph Kittredge	75
David How, Esq	3
John Varnum Esq	1

Electors for Middlesex District.

Augustus Tower Esq	75
Hon. Edmund Foster	4

Electors for Worcester South District

Gen. Jonathan Davis ———	75
Dr. Daniel Thurber	4

Electors for Worcester North District

Col. Edmund Cushing	75
Hon. Solomon Strong	4

Electors for Franklin District

Elvier Smith, Esqr	75
Gen. Samuel Porter	4

Electors for Hampden District

Enos Foot, Esqr	75
Dr. Timothy Horton	4

Electors for Berkshire District

Hon. William Walker	79

Electors for Norfolk District

Hon. John Endicott	75
Hon. Benjamin Reynolds	3
Hon. Edward H. Robbins	1

Electors for Plymouth District

Hon. Thomas Weston	75
Hon. Thomas Hobart	4

Electors for Bristol District

Cornelius Grinnell Esqr	75
Hon. John M. Williams	4

Electors for Barnstable District

Hezekiah Barnard, Esqr	75
Nymphas Marston Esqr	4

Caleb Abbot, Nath[l] Wright, John Shed } Selectmen of Chelmsford

Attest Joel Adams, Town Clerk

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At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court holden on the first day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Middlesex District, The whole number of Votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made, as by law is directed, and were for the following persons, to wit —

For Edward Everett, Esq. Sixty six votes 66
For the Hon. John Keyes, Nineteen votes 19

Caleb Abbott
Nath.l Wright } Selectmen
John Shed

Attest. Jacl Adams, Town Clerk

Middlesex ss. To Ezekiel Byam one of the constables of the town of Chelmsford in said County. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote for town Officers and in town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in the middle of said town on Monday the seventh day of March next at nine O'Clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles viz:

1 To Choose a Moderator to govern the meeting.
2 To make choice of town officers for the ensuing year.
3 To hear the report of the committee chosen to settle with the town treasurer, and act thereon.
4 To grant money for the support of the Ministry and other parochial charges
5 To grant money for the support of Schools, the Poor Roads and all other town charges.
6 To direct in what way and manner the schools shall be kept in said town the ensuing year
7 To direct in what way and manner the roads and bridges should be repaired the ensuing year.
8 To see if the town will give liberty for swine to go at large the ensuing year.
9 To choose overseers of the workhouse for the ensuing year.
10 To choose a committee to give certificates to members of the first Congregational Society in said town
11 At the request of Nathan Tyler and others To see if the town will straighten and widen the road from the Canal Bridge near the Store Pope Smith to Marshalls Causeway so called or act any thing thereon.
12 At the request of Isaac Chamberlin Junr and others to see if the town will establish the lines between School District No. 9 and the Districts adjoining the same. — —

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this twenty seventh day of February A.D. 1825.

Caleb Abbott
Nathaniel Wright
Selectmen of Chelmsford

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford February 28th A.D. 1825.
In obedience to the within warrant I have posted up four attested copies of said warrant, viz, one copy at the Meetinghouse in the middle of said town, and one copy at the Baptist meeting house, also one copy at the store of Capt. Phinehas Whiting and one copy at the store of Mr. Eph. Smith all in said town for the purpose within mentioned.

Attest: Ezekiel Byam
Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Middlesex ss. March 7th. 1825. Then personally appeared Joel Adams, having been chosen town Clerk of the town of Chelmsford, and made oath that he would truly record all votes passed in the Meeting at which he was chosen, and other Town Meetings during the year, and until an other Clerk shall be chosen in his stead, and also faithfully discharge all the other duties of his office.

Before me, Nathaniel Wright. J. Peace.

Recorded by Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Town of Chelmsford, Monday, March 7th. A.D. 1825.

At a legal Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town of Chelmsford, qualified by law to vote for Town officers, and in Town affairs, holden at the Meeting-house in the Middle of said Town, on Monday, the seventh day of March A.D. 1825. the Town proceeded and voted as followeth, to wit —

Voted For a Moderator to govern the Meeting; and made choice of Majr. Nathaniel Howard, and after prayers.

Voted For a Town-Clerk, and chose Joel Adams —

Voted To choose five Selectmen for the ensuing year —

Voted To choose all the Selectmen on one Ballot or Ticket —

Voted For five Selectmen, and chose Capt. Caleb Abbott, Nathaniel Wright Esqr., Capt. John Shed, James H. B. Ayer and Capt. Sherebiah Spalding.

Voted To choose three Overseers of the Poor —

Voted To choose all the Overseers of the Poor on one Ballot or Ticket

Voted For three Overseers of the Poor, and chose Capt. John Butterfield, Capt. Sherebiah Spalding and Ephraim Adams —

Voted For a Town-Treasurer and chose Benjamin Chamberlin —

Voted To choose two Constables —

Voted For a Constable for the North End and chose Luther Marshall —

Voted For a Constable for the South End and chose Ezekiel Bryan —

Voted To choose Six Fishwardens on one Ticket

Voted For six Fishwardens and chose Daniel Tuck, Micajah Bowers, George Richardson, Oliver M. Whipple, Jeremiah Ames and Gardner Fletcher —

all the foregoing offices were chosen by ballot —

Voted To choose a School-Committee, consisting of one Committee-Man in each School District —

Voted For said Committee and chose in District

Number one, Capt. Josiah Fletcher,

" two, Zebulon Parker

" three Joel Parkhurst.

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in number four. Willard Proctor
" five Asa Hodgman Junr
" Six Joseph Chamberlin Junr
" Seven Jonathan Pierce
" eight Dun. John Farwell
" nine Benjamin Blood
" ten Eben Adams - and
" eleven Silas Dean.

Voted For Surveyors of Highways and chose Simon Parker Capt. William Fletcher Junr, Benjamin Melvin Junr Capt. Alpheus Spalding, Charles Richardson, Henry Byam Josiah Byam, Samuel F. Woods, Benjamin Blood, Eli Parker, Oliver M. Whipple and Sewell Parker.

Voted To choose five Fenceviewers, and chose Joseph Chamberl Ephraim Warren, Henry Spalding 3d, Haskell Spalding and John Carlton.

Voted To choose six Field Drivers, and chose Parker Chamberlin. Calvin Fairbanks, Hezekiah Marshall, Charles Davis. John Farrar and Joseph Heywood,

Voted To choose eleven Surveyors of Lumber and chose Capt. Jonathan Tyler, Jonathan Bowers, Josiah Webber 2d Proctor Junr Samuel F Woods, Thomas Lovett, Jephthah Park Charles Cutler, Jonathan W. George, Sprake Livingston and Amos Whitney Junr

Voted To choose one Measurer of Wood in each School District and chose in No. 1. Samuel Stevens Esqr.
" 2 Charles Cutler
" 3 Henry Spalding 3d
" 4 Micajah Parkhurst,
" 5 Ephraim Warren,
" 6 Solomon Byam,
" 7 Sprake Livingston
" 8 Benj: Spalding
" 9 Isaac Chamberlin Junr
" 10 Joel Roper. and in
" 11 Jonathan Bowers.

Voted To choose one more Measurer of Wood in District No. 11, and chose Capt. Jonathan Tyler.

Voted To choose one more Measurer of Wood in said District and chose Luther Richardson.

Voted To choose twenty five Hog-Reeves and chose Henry Byam, Moses Barrett, Haskell Spalding, Ezra Warren, Joel B. Wright, Alpha Stevens, Francis Bush, David Carlton, Nathan Pennington, George Stevens, William Butler, Francis Richardson, Joseph Carpenter, John A. Pierce, Zimri Kidder, Samuel Willard, John Smith, Francis Winch, Jon.a Bowers, Rev. Theodore Edson Luke Whitney, Joseph Manning Abraham Van-Doorn, Daws Melvin and Rufus Melvin,

Voted To choose five Weighers of Hay and chose Jonathan C. Morrell, Phineas Whiting, Solomon Adams, Willard Read & William Parker.

Voted To choose one more weigher of Hay and chose Nathaniel Morrell

Voted To choose two Inspectors of Lime & chose John Shed & Ebenr. Spalding.

Voted To choose two Cullers of Staves & chose Amos Whitney jr & Silas Hoar.

Voted To accept the Report of the Committee, who made the annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer

Voted That the fourth Article of the Warrant be postponed to April Meeting

Voted and granted the sum of eleven hundred Dollars for the Support of the Town-Schools the ensuing year.

Voted and granted the sum of twelve hundred Dollars for the support of the Town's Poor the ensuing year.

Voted That the overseers of the Poor be directed to apply the overplus, remaining unexpended, after paying all the Expenses of supporting the Poor for the last and ensuing years, to pay the Principle & interest due for the "Poor Farm"

Voted and granted the sum of fifteen hundred Dollars for the repairs of the Roads and Bridges the ensuing year —

Voted and granted the sum of fifteen hundred hundred Dollars to defray the necessary expenses of the Town the ensuing year —

Voted That the Town Schools be kept in the same way & manner in which they were kept the last year.

Voted That the Roads & Bridges be repaired in the same way & manner, in which they were the last year, & labor to be allowed the same.

March Meeting, 1825—

Voted To restrain Swine from going at large within the Town the ensuing y
Voted To choose three Overseers of the Workhouse by ballot and chose
Ca[pt]. John Butterfield, Ca[pt]. Sherbiah Spalding & Esq[r]. Adams,
Voted that the tenth Article in the Warrant be postponed to April Meet
Voted To refer the eleventh Article in the Warrant to the Selectmen, to
make Report at the next April Meeting.
Voted To refer the twelfth Article in the Warrant to the Selectmen, to
make Report at the next April Meeting.
Voted To dismiss the Meeting, sine die, nem con—

A true Record
Attest. Joel C. Adams. Town Clerk

Town-officers for the year 1825— Sworn.

Town of Chelmsford March 7th. 1825—
The following named persons were on the abovesaid day in legal Town-Meeting chosen into the several offices set against their respective names, and have appeared and taken the oath required by law to qualify them for the office into which they are respectively chosen, to wit—

time of taking the oath.		
April 4	Caleb C. Abbott	Selectmen
"	Nathaniel Wright	
"	John Shed	
March 12th.	James H. B. Ayer	
April 4	Caleb C. Abbott	Assessors
"	Nathaniel Wright	
"	John Shed	
March 12th	James H. B. Ayer	
		Town Treasurer.
12th	Luther Marshall	Constables
12th	Ezekiel Byam	

Town officers for 1825. Sworn

Sworn

March 12. Simon Parker Jun.
12 Alpheus Spalding
7 Charles Richardson
12 Josiah Byam
12 Eli Parker
12 Sewell Parker
4 Benj: Melvin Jun.
" Benjamin Blood
" Oliver M. Whipple
" William Fletcher Jun.

Surveyors of Highways.

10 Joseph Chamberlin
11 Haskell Spalding.

fence Viewers.

12 Parker Chamberlin
7 Calvin Fairbanks
12 Joseph Heywood

field Drivers.

12 Capt. Jonathan Tyler
7 Jonathan Bowers
12 Thomas Lovett
7 Jonathan W. George
4 Jephtah Parker

Surveyors of Lumber

12 Benjamin Spalding
7 Jonathan Bowers
12 Jonathan Tyler
7 Luther Richardson
4 Jael Rogers

Measurers of Wood

225 Town officers for 1825. Sworn.

March
time of taking the oath

7. George Stevens
8 Nathan Pennington
11 Joseph Carpenter
" John A. Pierce
12 John Smith
" Ezra Warren

} Hog-Reeves

} Weighers of hay

} Inspectors of Lime.

} Cullers of Staves.

Before me, Joel Adams, Town Clerk.

Middlesex ss. March 21. 1825. Then personally appeared Jonathan G. Morrell and Nathaniel Merrill, having been chosen weighers of hay in the Town of Chelmsford for the current year, and made oath that they would faithfully discharge the duties of that office

Before me, Nathaniel Wright J. Peace

Recorded by Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Settlement with the Town Treasurer, March 1825.

The subscribers a committe to examine and adjust the accounts with the Town Treasurer have attended to the duty assigned them and submit the following,

Report

The Treasurer is charged with Ministerial money, viz.

Cash in the hands of the treasurer at the last settlement	$0.54
Cash received of Thomas Coburn Collector for 1821	12.36
Cash received of Luther Marshall Collector for 1823	144.55
Do. for 1824	285.00
Amounting to	$442.45

and is credited

By Cash paid Revd. Wilkes Allen, orders	425.00
By Cash paid sundry orders	14.20
amounting to	$439.20
Leaving a ballance in the hands of the Treasurer of	$3.25

The Treasurer is further charged with the sum of fifty six dollars received of conditional exempts in the Militia for the years 1823. & 1824 — 56.00

The Treasurer has paid out of the Militia money on an order drawn by the Selectmen — 16.00

Leaving a ballance in the hands of the Treasurer $40.00

The Treasurer is further charged with Town and School Money as follows

Cash received of Mr. Thomas Coburn Collector for 1821	304.03
Cash received of Lieut. John Bateman collector for 1822	1.04.00
Cash received of Luther Marshall Collector for 1823	2241.80
Cash received of Luther Marshall Collector for 1824	149.19
Amounting to	$3609.02

and credited with

Cash due him on settlement of February 26th 1824	$11.31
Cash paid out as per sundry Orders from the Selectmen	4093.04
amounting to	
Amounting to	$4104.35

March. 1825

Leaving a ballance due the Treasurer of ... $ 4 05 .33

Jonathan Wyman
Josiah Fletcher
Charles Blood
} Committee

Chelmsford March 1825
Presented to Benj. Chamberlin Treasurer

Recorded by Joel Adams. Town Clerk

Engine No. 3 -

The Proprietors of Locks and Canals on Merrimack River having provided themselves with an Engine and Buckets subject to the direction of the Town - petition the Select Men of the Town of Chelmsford to authorise the same and appoint twenty one Engine men from the following list -

Chelmsford March 28th. 1825

David I. Moody, Richd. W. Dummer, George Brownell, James Chandler, Seth Chandler, Rufus Nichols, Stephen Webster, Nathan Bleiver, Grosvenor Buttrick, Caleb Marvel, Rufus Robertson, Jefferson Wheeler, Thomas Newell, William Merriam, Abigence W. Fisher, Samuel Fisher, Samuel Fiskam, Maynard Bragg, William D. Mann. William Bates Cyrus Bleiver.

Kirk Boott. Treas. & Agent Props. L & Canals on Merri. River.

March 29. 1825. By virtue of the Statutes of 1795 and 1805. We the Subscribers have appointed the foregoing list of persons, engine men, to be attached to Engine No. 3, within the Town of Chelmsford.

Caleb Abbott
Nath. Wright
John Shed
J. H. B. Ayer
} Selectmen

Recorded by Joel Adams. Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex ss. To Luther Marshall one of the Constables of Chelmsford in said County — — Greeting —

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid to notify and Warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor Lieut. Governor and Senators to assemble at the Meetinghouse in the Middle of said Town on Monday the fourth day of April next at one o'clock in the afternoon, to give in their Votes for a Governor, and Lieut. Governor of the Commonwealth aforesaid, and Senators for District of Middlesex.

You are also required to notify and Warn the Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote for town officers and in town affairs to assemble at the time and place above-mentioned to act on the following articles, to wit:

1 To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting

2 To give in their Votes for a treasurer for the County of Middlesex

3 To fill up all vacant town offices.

4 To see in what way the taxes shall be collected in said town the ensuing year.

5. To see if the Town will choose a Committee to make the annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer —

6 To raise money for the Support of the Gospel Ministry and other parochial charges in said Town the ensuing year.

7 To hear the report of the Selectmen on the Petition of Nathan Tyler and others for widening and straightening the road from the Canal Bridge to Marshalls causeway so called, and act thereon as the Town may think proper —

8 To hear the report of the Selectmen on the petition of Isaac Chamberlin jun.r and others, requesting that the line between School District No 9 and the adjoining Districts may be established, and act thereon as the town may think proper.

9 To see if the town will choose a Committee to examine the Schools in said town the ensuing year —

Warrant for April Meeting, 1825 — con'd.

10th To act on the petition of Daniel Bowen and others requesting the town to establish a new School district, or that they may draw their proportion of the money raised for schooling and appropriate it as they may think proper.

11 To see if the town will direct that horses and neat cattle and other commonable beasts, or any description thereof, shall not go at large within the Limits of said town without a Keeper.

12 To see if the town will accept of the List of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen, or act thereon as the town may think proper

13 To see if the town will divide School-District No. 11. or act any thing thereon that the town may think proper.

Fail not, and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon unto one of the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for said Meeting — Given under our hands and Seals this twenty fifth day of March A.D. 1825.

Caleb Abbott
Nathaniel Wright
J. H. B. Tyler
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jas & Jc Adams, Town Clerk

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford, March 26. 1825.

I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town of Chelmsford as directed in the foregoing Warrant by posting up four Copies of said Warrant by me attested, to wit one at the Meeting house in the Middle of said town, one at the Baptist-Meeting-house in said town, one at the S. E. of Capt. Phineas Whiting, and one at the Store of Mr. Jesse Smith in said town for the purposes as prescribed in the foregoing Warrant. Luther Marshall, Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jas Adams, Town Clerk

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, holden on the fourth day of April, being the first Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth. The whole number of Votes given in, were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed — and were for the following persons —

for Governor
- For the Hon. Levi Lincoln, one hundred and twenty six Votes 126

for Lt. Governor
- For the Hon. Marcus Morton one hundred and twenty two Votes 122
- For Jonathan W. George two Votes 2

Caleb Abbott
Nathaniel Wright
Wm Eled
J. H. B. Tyer

Selectmen of Chelmsford

Attest Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Votes for Senators and Counsellors. 1825

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabetants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Senators and Counsellors, holden on the fourth day of April, being the first monday of said Month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Senators and Counsellors, for the District of Middlesex. The whole number of Votes given in, were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is derected — and were for the following persons —

Hon. John Keyes. one hundred and fourteen Votes 114
Hon. Micah M. Rutter, one hundred & eighteen Votes 118
Hon. Seth Knowls, Seventy four Votes
Hon. Nathan Chandler, Sixty five Votes
Abel Jewett Esq. Seventy six Votes
Samuel Hoar Jr Esq. fifty five Votes
Hon. John Abbot. forty one Votes
Hon. Luther Lawrence forty Votes
Hon. Levi Thaxter twenty three Votes
Edmund Parker Esq. fifteen Votes
Joseph Valentine Esq. thirteen Votes
Hon. John Wade four Votes
Nathaniel Wright Esq. one Vote

Caleb Abbott
Nathaniel Wright
John Shed
J. H. B. Ayer
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Attest Jacl Adams. Town Clerk

April Meeting. Monday. April 4th. 1825. —
Town of Chelmsford

At a legal town Meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of said Town of Chelmsford, qualified by law to Vote for Town officers and in Town affairs, holden at the Meeting house in the Middle of said town, on Monday the fourth day of April A.D. 1825. the town proceeded & Voted as follows, to wit

Voted For a Moderator and chose Jonathan Perham, Esq —

Voted For a Treasurer for the County of Middlesex and the Votes were for the Hon. John Keyes, Seventy four Votes 174

Voted To choose a Selectman in the place of Capt. Sherbiah Spalding, who declined serving

Voted For a Selectman, and chose Capt. Alpheus Spalding —

Voted To excuse Mr. Henry Byam from serving a Surveyor of highways —

Voted and chose James H. B. Ayer a Surveyor of Lumber and also a Measurer of Wood —, who was Sworn at the same time before me.

Voted To choose one more Measurer of Wood in S. District No. 1 — and chose Mr. Haskell Spalding —

Voted To choose one more Measurer of wood in S. District No. 11 — and chose Mr. Job Webber. who was sworn in Town Meeting.

Voted To choose Seven Firewardens, and chose Kirk Boott Esq Paul Moody, Lyon Baldwin, Phineas Whiting, Oliver H. Whipple and Charles Nichols —

Voted That the Taxes be collected in the same way and manner they were the last year.

The collection of the Taxes for the South End was put up to the lowest bidder, and struck off to Mr. Benjamin Chamberlin at one cent and four Mills on the dollar — and the Collection of the Taxes for the North End was then put up in like manner and struck off to Mr. Luther Marshall for three cents on the dollar —

Voted To choose a Committee to make the annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer —

April Meeting. 1825

Voted To said Committee and chose Jonathan Perham, Esqr. Jael Adams and Capt. Caleb Abbott

Voted For two collectors of Taxes and chose Mr. Benj. Chamberlain and Mr. Luther Marshall

Voted and granted the sum of five hundred & fifty dollars for the support of the Gospel Ministry and other parochial charges the ensuing year.

Voted To choose a Committee to examine the Schools in said town the ensuing year

Voted That said Committee consist of Seven

Voted For said Committee and chose Rev. Wilkes Allen, Jael Adams, John C. Dalton, M. D. John O. Green M. D. Rev. Theodore Edson and Rev. John Parkhurst.

Voted To accept the Report of the Selectmen, dividing School Distrs Nos. 8 & 9.

Voted To accept the Report of the Committee who examined the Schools the past year, and that the same be put on file by the Town Clerk

Voted To accept and approve of the List of Jurors as reported to the Town by the Selectmen

Voted To accept of the Report of the Selectmen on the request of Nathan Tyler and others. & chose Jesse Smith, agent &c.

Voted To refer the tenth and thirteenth Articles of the Warrant to the Selectmen to make Report to the Town at the next Town Meeting

Voted To dismiss the Meeting.

A true Record,
Attest, Jael Adams, Town Clerk.

List of Jurors accepted April 4th 1825

The following is a list prepared by the Selectmen of the Town of Chelmsford, comprising those persons, who are in their Judgment well qualified to serve as Jurors, and their names are placed in the Jury Box accordingly, viz —

William Adams
Joseph Adams
James H. B. Ayer
Caleb Abbott
John Butterfield
Cyrus Baldwin
Benjamin Chamberlin
Samuel Davis
Owen Emerson
William Fletcher jun
Elisha Ford
Josiah Fletcher
Nathaniel Howard
Artemas Holden
Moses Hale
Samuel Stevens
Jonathan Spalding
Jesse Smith
Jonathan Tyler
Amos Whitney
Samuel F. Wood
Zaccheus Wright
Jonathan Perham
Samuel Adams
John Farwell
Oliver M. Whipple
Willard Read
Asa Hodgman jun
Alpheus Spalding
Phineas Whiting
Sherebiah Spalding
Joseph Manning
Joseph Putnam
Oliver Parkhurst
Joseph Bowers
John Shed
Amos Byam
Daniel Parker

All which is submitted to said Town for revision, alteration and confirmation —

Chelmsford April 4, 1825 —

Caleb Abbott
Nath. Wright
John Shed
J. H. B. Ayer
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

A true record, Attest, Josh Adams, Town Clerk

April Meeting A. D. 1825

Report of the Selectmen — School District No. 9

The subscribers, to whom was referred the Article in the Warrant for the last town Meeting, relating to the line between School District No. 9. and the adjoining Districts, having attended to the business, respectfully submit the following Report —
That said line be as follows, viz, beginning at Merrimack River at the Northwesterly corner of the land of the Proprietors of the Boston Glass house thence running Southerly to the Middlesex Turnpike at the southwesterly corner of Jonas Pierce's land; thence Westerly to Twiss-bridge, so called, thence Northerly on the road crossing said bridge to the road from Blodgets Brook to Dan. John Farwells, thence a due West course to the town line, and that all that part of the town, which lies West and north of said line constitute School District No. 9 —

Caleb Abbott
Nath. Wright } Selectmen
John Lee
J. H. B. Ayer } Chamberlain

A true Record, Attest, Jos. Adams, Town Clerk

April Meeting A. D. 1825

Report of the Selectmen

The subscribers to whom was refered the Article in the Warrant for the last town Meeting, relating to the road from the Canal Bridge to Marshall's causeway, having viewed the same, respectfully Report.

That the town, under the direction of one or more persons to be chosen for that purpose, lay out the sum of Seventy five Dollars on that part of said road, which lies between the house of Semon Parker and the road leading to Osgood Worcesters, either in widening or repairing said road, or both, as such person or persons shall think most expedient.

Caleb Abbott
Nathaniel Wright
John Shed
J. H. B. Ayer
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

April 4. 1825

A true Record Attest Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Warrant for May Meeting A.D. 1825.

Seal

Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Seal Middlesex ss. To Luther Marshall, one of the Constables
Seal of the town of Chelmsford in said County. Greeting —
Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and Warn the
Inhabitants of said town qualified by the Constitution
to vote for Representives, to assemble at the Meeting-
house in the Middle of said town on thursday the fifth
day of May next at two O'clock in the afternoon to chose
one or more persons, Representatives to the next General
Court of said Commonwealth —

You are also required by the authority aforesaid
to notify and Warn the Inhabitants of said town, qualified
by Law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the time
and place aforesaids to act on the following Articles, viz

1st To choose a Moderator

2d. To hear the report of the Selectmen on the Petition of
Daniel Bowers and others for a new School District
and act thereon as the town may think proper —

3 dly To hear the report of the Selectmen respecting the Di-
vision of school district No 11 into two School
Districts, and act thereon as the Town may think
proper —.

4th To see if the town will accept of a Townway laid out
by the Selectmen at the request of Henry Coburn jr.
and others from the road near the dwelling house
of Willard Read to the Canal Bridge on long Causeway
so called, or act any thing thereon

5th To hear an ~~Order~~ of Notice on the petition of August
Peabody and others respecting the roads from Billerica
town line to Jonathan Mannings, and act thereon as the
town may think proper —.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant
with your doings thereon unto one of the Selectmen
at or before the time appointed for said Meeting —

Given under our hands and seals this twenty first day of April A.D. 1825.

Caleb Abbott
Nath.l Wright
J. H. B. Ayer
Alpheus Spalding
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford April 23. 1825.

I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said Town of Chelmsford as directed in the foregoing Warrant by posting up three copies of said Warrant by me attested to wit, one copy at the Meeting house in the Middle of said town, one at the Baptist Meeting house in said town, one at the store of Capt. Phineas Whiting and one at the store of Mr. Jose Smith in said town for the purposes expressed in the foregoing

Luther Marshall, Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Joel Adams, Town Clerk

May - Meeting - A.D. 1825.

At a legal Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Town of Chelmsford qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Representatives to the General Court holden at the Meeting house in the Middle of said Town on Thursday the 5th day of May, A.D. 1825

Voted to choose one Representative to represent this town in the next General Court

Voted by Ballot for a Representative and the Votes were for Jonathan Perham Esq., Seventy six votes . 76 -
for Joel Adams, Twenty three Votes 23 -
and Jonathan Perham Esq. was duly chosen

Attest Joel Adams, Town Clerk

At a legal Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, qualified by law to Vote for Town officers, and in Town affairs, holden as above Stated

Voted for a Moderator and choose Jonathan Perham Esq

Voted To dismiss the second Article in the Warrant

Voted not to accept the Report of the Selectmen made on the third Article in the Warrant -

Voted That the School Money, which School district No. 11 - draws, be equally divided, and that the Merrimack Manufacturing Company draw one half and the District the other half, the whole to be expended in said District for the support of Schools -

Voted To dismiss the fourth Article in the Warrant -

Voted To choose Agents to oppose the Petition of Augustus Peabody and others, praying for alterations in the road from Jon.a Mannings to Billerica, and choose Joel Adams, and Nathaniel Wright Esq

Voted To dismiss the Meeting -

Recorded by Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting. Nov.r 25. 1825

Seal Seal Seal Seal Seal

To Luther Marshall one of the constables of the town of Chelmsford Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Meeting house in the Middle of said town on friday the twenty fifth day of November inst. at one of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles, viz —

1.st To choose a Moderator.

2.d. To act any thing the town may think proper in relation to the Petition of Kirk Boott & others, for a new Town.

3.d. To act any thing the town may think proper in relation to the Petition of E. S. Livermore & others for a road from the Middle of said town to Bradley's ferry.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place abovementioned — Given under our hands and Seals at Chelmsford the ninth day of November A.D. 1825.

Caleb Abbott
Nathaniel Wright
J. H. B. Ayer
John Shed
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Joel Adams. Town Clerk.

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford November 12th A.D. 1825.

In obedience to the with Warrant I have notified & warned the freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, qualified as within mentioned to assemble at the time & place, & for the purposes within expressed by posting up four copies of the within Warrant by me attested, viz, one at the Meeting house in the Middle of said town, one at the Baptist Meeting house, one at the Store of Capt. Phineas Whiting, and one at the Store of Mr. Jesse Smith in said Town

Luther Marshall. Constable of C—

Recorded by Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Town Meeting, Novr. 25th, 1825.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs, holden at the Meeting house in the middle of said Town, on Friday, the twenty fifth day of November A.D. 1825.

Voted For a Moderator by ballot, and Jonathan Perham Esqr. was chosen

Voted To choose a Committee of five to confer with the Petitioners of the petition of Kirk Booth and others, upon the subject of said petition, and that said Committee make a Report of their doings unto the Town, at the adjournment of this Meeting

Voted That said Committee be chosen by Ballot

Voted For said Committee and chose Joel Adams, Caleb Abbott, Nathaniel Howard, Sam.l Stevens Esqr. and Benjamin Chamberlin

Voted To choose a Committee of five, to attend upon the Committee appointed by the Hon. Court of Sessions on the petition of E. S. Livermore & others; and that said Committee be instructed to oppose the prayer of said petition

Voted For said Committee and chose Capt. Phineas Whiting, William Adams and John R. Adams Esqr.

Voted To excuse William Adams Esqr., and chose Nathaniel Wright Esqr. in his stead

Voted To adjourn this Meeting to Monday, the twenty sixth day of December inst. at one of the Clock in the afternoon then to meet at this place and the Meeting was adjourned accordingly

A true Record Attest Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Town of Chelmsford, Monday the twenty sixth day of December A.D. 1825.

At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford holden at the Meeting house in the Middle of said Town on the day above said at one of the clock in the afternoon, by adjournment from Nov: 28th last Jonathan Perham Esqr. being Moderator of said Meeting.

Voted To accept of the Report of the Committee, appointed to confer with the Petitioners of the petition of Kirk Booth & others, petitioners for a new Town &c

Voted That all arrears of Taxes be collected and paid in to the Treasury by the last Monday in February next, and that the Town Treasurer and Collector take proper measures to cause the same to be done.

Voted That all orders, Notes and accounts be paid by the Town Treasurer by the last Monday in February, as far as he hands funds, and that no interest be allowed on any Town orders after that time

Voted That the Committee appointed to confer with Kirk Booth & others, still be a Committee for the purpose of attending to the subject of the Division of the Town

Voted To dismiss the Committee appointed to oppose the Petition of E. S. Sweetmore & others for a road, and the Town give their assent so far as the Courts Committee have reported

Voted To dismiss the Meeting

Attest. Joel Adams. Town Clerk

Report of the Committee for dividing the Town.

The Committee, appointed by the town to confer with Kirk Boott and others, who have petitioned the General Court to incorporate the Northeasterly part of the town of Chelmsford into a separate Township, have attended to the duty assigned them as stated in the following Report.

Having first given the Petitioners and all others interested therein Notice of their appointment and of the time and place of their Meeting, the Committee have met and confered with a Committee appointed on the part of said petitioners, upon the subject of their petition, and now submit the following Articles, which, in the opinion of your Committee, are the most favorable terms to the town, to which the Committee of said Petitioners were willing to agree, to wit —

Article 1st The lines of the new Town shall run as follows Beginning on Merrimack River two hundred rods above Pentucket Canal and thence running Southerly in a straight course to the Middlesex Canal ten rods Northerly of the Bridge near Mr. Silas Pierces; thence running Southeasterly on the Canal twenty rods; thence turning & running a due East course to Concord River; thence down Concord River to Dracutt Line; thence up Merrimack River to the place of Beginning.

Article 2. That the Poor of the Town shall be supported by each Town in which their Settlement was gained —

Article 3. That all the debts due from the town at the time of Separation (excepting the principle sum due for the Poor farm) shall be paid jointly by each Town according to their present Valuation, after collecting and applying to this purpose all the Taxes, as already granted by the Town.

(see next page)

Artiste 4th. That the Poorfarm, and all the personal property belonging to the town, not including Taxes & Money, shall belong to the old Town, they paying the Balance due for said farm.

Artiste 5th That the State and County Taxes, until a new Valuation be taken by the Commonwealth, be paid Jointly by both Towns, according to their present Valuation.

All which is respectfully submitted by your Committee

Chelmsford Dec. 26. 1825

Josh Adams, per order

agreed to by the Committee on behalf of the Petitioners Nathaniel Wright, per order

Recorded by Josh Adams, Town Clerk

.245 Warrant for a Town Meeting. Jany. 2d. 1826

To Luther Marshall and Ezekiel Byam, Constables of the town of Chelmsford, Greeting.

Seal Seal Seal Seal In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you or either of you, are required to notify and Warn the inhabitants of said town qualified by Law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Meeting-house in the Middle of said town on Monday the second day of January next at one O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles viz.

1 To choose a Moderator

2 At the request of Ephraim Spalding & others, to see if the Town take Measures to prevent the establishment of a highway from near the house of Willard Read to Golden Cove, so called, or act thereon as the town may think proper.

3 At the request of Noah Spalding, to see if the town will agree to alter the West line of the new or contemplated town so as to include the house and land now in the occupation of Osgood Worcester, or act any thing thereon.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon unto the Town Clerk at or before the time appointed for said Meeting. —

Given under our hands and Seals at said Chelmsford the twenty eighth day of December A.D. 1825.

Caleb Abbott
Nathl. Wright
J. H. B. Ayer
Alp. Spalding
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by
Jacl Adams, Town Clerk.

Return — Town of Chelmsford, Jany. 2d. 1826. I have notified and Warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, by leaving a printed Notification of said Meeting at every dwelling house in said Town where any qualified Voters resided, said Notifications were left as aforesaid on Thursday, Friday and Saturday last, the mode of Warning being ordered by the Selectmen.

Attest. Ezekiel Byam, Constable

Recorded by Jacl Adams, Town Clerk

Town Meeting. Jany. 2. 1826 —

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabetants of the town of Chelmsford, qualified by law to vote in town affairs holden at the Meeting house in the middle of said town on Monday the second day of January A.D. 1826

Voted. For a Moderator by ballot. and Jonathan Perham Esquire was duly chosen

Voted That the Voters go out of the House. and be polled on the Common

Voted. The town consent to an alteration of the proposed West line of the new proposed town, so as to accommodate the Estate on which Mr. Osgood Worcester now resides. at the discretion of the Committee.

Voted. That the town consent to an alteration of the South line of the proposed new town, so as to accommodate the Estates of Sprake and Benjamin Livingstone, at the discretion of the Committee —

Voted To dismiss the Meeting

Attest Joel Adams. Town Clerk

Jury Box revised.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Chelmsford on the sixth day of March A.D. 1826. It was ordered that the Jury Box be revised and the following names be taken out of the same, as they are not Inhabitants of the Town, to wit, James H. B. Ayer, Elisha Fords, Artemas Hosden, Moses Hale, Jonathan Spalding, Jonathan Tyler, Oliver M. Whipple and Phineas Whiting

Caleb Abbott
John Shed
Alpheus Spalding
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Joel Adams. Town Clerk

Warrant for March Meeting, A. D. 1826 —

Middlesex ss. To Luther Marshall one of the Constables of the town of Chelmsford in said County greeting:

Seal Seal Seal Seal Seal In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to Vote for town offiers and in town affairs, to assemble at the Meting-house in the Middles of said town on Monday the Sixth day of March next at nine of the Clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles, Viz —

1 To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting.

2 To make choice of Town-Officers for the ensuing year.

3 To hear the report of the Committee, chosen to settle with the Town-Treasurer — and act thereon —.

4 To grant money for the support of the Ministry & other Parochial charges.

5 To grant money for the support of Schools, the Poor, Roads, and all other town charges.

6 To direct in what way and manner the Schools shall be kept in said town the ensuing year.

7 To direct in what way and manner the roads & Bridges shall be repaired the ensuing year.

8 To see if the Town will give liberty for swine to go at Large the ensuing year

9 To choose Overseers of the Work house for the ensuing year.

10 To choose a Committee to give Certificates to Members of the first Congregational Society in said town

11 To see in what way and manner Town Meetings shall be warned.

12 At the request of Peter Marshall & others, to see if the town will make any allowance to School District, No 7, about half of said district having been set off to the new town, or act any thing thereon —

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon unto the Town Clerk at or before the time appointed for said Meeting Given under our hands and Seals this twenty first day of February A.D. 1826.

Caleb Abbott
Nath.l Wright } Selectmen
John Shed } of
J. H. B. Ayer } Chelmsford
Alpheus Spalding

Recorded by Joel Adams. Town Clerk.

Service of the aforesaid Warrant.

" Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford, February 25. 1826. Pursuant to the within I have notified and Warned the within named Inhabitants by posting up four copies of the within Warrant by me attested, viz, one at the Meeting house at the Middle of the Town, one at the Baptist Meeting house, one at the Store of Capt. Phineas Whiting, one at the Store of Mr Jesse Smith, all in said Chelmsford.

Luther Marshall, Constable of Chelmsford "

Recorded by Joel Adams, Town Clerk

March Meeting A.D. 1826 —

Town of Chelmsford, Monday, March 6th 1826 —

At a legal town Meeting of the Freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town, qualified by Law to vote for Town officers, and in Town affairs, holden at the Meeting house in the Middle of said Town on Monday the sixth day of March A.D. 1826. the Town proceeded, and Voted as follows, to wit —

Voted For a Moderator & chose Majr. Nathaniel Howard and after prayers by the Rev. Mr. Allen

Voted For a Town Clerk and Josh Adams was chosen,

Voted To choose three Selectmen for the ensuing year.

Voted and chose Capt. Caleb Abbott to be one of the Selectmen, who declined serving & was excused

Voted and chose Capt. Alpheus Spalding for the first Selectman —

Voted and chose Capt. Charles Blood, for the second Selectman

Voted and chose Mr. Ephraim Adams for the third Selectman

Voted To pass over the second and third Articles in the Warrant, and act upon the fourth article.

Voted and granted the sum of five hundred and fifty Dollars for the support of the Gospel Ministry and other parochial charges —

Voted To adjourn this Meeting to Thursday the ninth day of March, inst. at ten of the clock in the forenoon, then to meet at this place —

" Adjournment —

In Town Meeting holden by adjournment on Thursday the ninth day of March. A.D. 1826.

Voted To choose three Overseers of the Poor

Voted for three Overseers of the Poor and chose Capt. John Butterfield, Capt. Shearjash Spalding and Ephraim Adams —

March Meeting 1826 —

Voted that the Town consent that the Overseers of the Poor may keep the Poor of the Town of Lowell on such terms as they may judge to be for the interest of this town.

Voted For a Town Treasurer and chose Mr. Benj: Chamberlin.

Voted To choose two Constables for the year ensuing.

Voted and chose William D. Kidder, Constable for the North End —

Voted and chose Ezekiel Byam Constable for the South End —

Voted To choose four Fishwardens

Voted For four Fishwardens and chose Ezekiel Byam. Charles Richardson, David Perham and William D. Kidder. (all the above named Town officers were chosen by written votes) —

Voted To choose a School Committee, consisting of one man in each School District and chose

in District No 1. Benjamin I. Obear
" " 3 Francis Richardson —
" " 4 Jephthah Parker —
" " 5 Elias Sweetser —
" " 6 David Dutton
" " 7 Oliver Pierce
" " 8 Andrew Spalding
" " 9 William Parker
" " 10 Harvey Burnett

Voted For Surveyors of Highways and Dun. chose Noah Spalding, Andrew Spalding, Charity L. Dunn, Elias Sweetser, Sewall Parkhurst, Simeon Spalding 2d Isaac Chamberlin, Jun: Daniel Proctor, Henry L. Parker, & Peter Marshall.

Voted To choose three Fenceviewers, and chose Eli Parker, Willard Proctor and Jacob B. Wright.

Voted To choose four Field-Drivers and chose Otis Adams, John Pickens Jun:, Timothy Manning Jun and John Crosby

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Voted To excuse Charity L. Dunn from serving as Surveyor of Highways, and chose Capt. James Pitts in his stead.

Voted To choose five Surveyors of lumber and chose Thomas Lovett, Samuel F. Woods, Henry Byam, Azariah Proctor Jr. and Benj: Blood —

Voted To choose one Measurer of Wood in each School-District chose in District No. 1 Samuel Stevens, Esqr.

" " 3 Charles K. Barber

" " 4 Joseph Chamberlin

" " 5 Sherebiah Spalding

" " 6 John Shed

" " 7 Sprake Livingstone

" " 8 Benj: Spalding

" " 9 Rob. B. Chamberlin

" " 10 Samll Burbank.

Voted To choose one more Measurer of Wood in Districts Nos 1. and 10, and chose in No 1. Capt. Caleb Abbott and in No 10. Jail Rogers

Voted and chose for Hog reeves, William D. Kidder, Charles H. Barber, John Underwood, John Holmes, Danl. Proctor and Capt. James Pitts.

Voted To choose three Weighers of hay, and chose Solomon Adams, Willard Read and William Parker,

Voted To choose two Inspectors of Lime, and chose Simeon Byam and David Perham

Voted To choose two Cullers of Staves, and chose Capt. Amos Whitney and Ebenezer Spalding.

Voted To choose three Overseers of the Workhouse and chose Capt. John Butterfield, Capt. Sherebiah Spalding and Ephraim Adams —

Voted To accept the Report of the Committee who settled with the Town-Treasurer.

Voted To accept the Report made by the Overseers of the Poor, and that the same be put on file in the Town Clerk's office —

March Meeting A.D. 1826 – con'd.

Voted and granted the sum of Seven hundred Dollars for the support of the Town Schools the ensuing year

Voted That the School Money be apportioned among the School-Districts in the same manner it was the last year, excepting the sum of fifty dollars, which the Selectmen may divide among the smaller Districts at their discretion.

Voted and granted the sum of Seven hundred dollars for the support of the Poor the ensuing year.

Voted. That the subject of raising Money for the repairs of the Roads and Bridges be postponed until April Meeting.

Voted To choose a committee of five to report the best way and manner in their opinion the Roads and Bridges may be repaired and make the same public at the Town Meeting in April.

Voted for said committee and choose Capt. Caleb Abbott, James Pitts, Jesse Smith, Benjamin Chamberlin and William Adams, Esqr.

Voted and granted the sum of Eight hundred dollars to defray the necessary Expenses of the town the ensuing year.

Voted That the School Money be expended as follows, to wit, two thirds for Men's Schools, and one third for Women's Schools

Voted That the Seventh Article in the Warrant be postponed to April Meeting.

Voted To restrain Swine from going at large &c

Voted To dismiss the tenth Article in the Warrant.

Voted. That all Town Meetings shall hereafter be warned by posting up attested copies of the Warrant at the Meeting-house in the Middle of the town, at the Baptist Meeting house, at the 2d. Congregational Meeting house and at the Tavern now occupied by William Parker, Two Sundays at least previous to the Meeting: Provided that when the interest of the Town requires the Meeting to be called so soon as not to allow time to post the Warrant as aforesaid, the officer warning the Meeting, shall give personal Notice to the qualified Voters, so far as time

March Meeting A.D. 1826. con'd —

and circumstances will enable them.

Voted To dismiss the twelfth Article in the Warrant.

Voted That the Town Treasurer require the Collectors of Taxes to collect and pay into the Treasury all arrears of Taxes as soon as possible —

Voted to dismiss the Meeting

A true record, Attest Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Town Clerk's oath.

Middlesex ss. March 6th. A.D. 1826.

Personally appeared Joel Adams of Chelmsford and made oath truly to record all votes passed at the Town Meeting at which he is chosen Town Clerk of the Town of Chelmsford, and all other Town Meetings during the year and until another Clerk shall be Chosen & Sworn in his stead, and also faithfully to discharge all the other duties of his Office.

Before me Lyon Baldwin Just. Peace

Recorded by Joel Adams, Town Clerk

(1826)

Settlement with the Town Treasurer (1825)

The Subscribers, a Committee to examine and adjust the accounts with the Town-Treasurer have attended to the duty assigned them and submit the following

Report.

1. The Treasurer is charged with Ministereal money viz. The Balance in his hands on the last annual Settlement ℔ 3.25
Cash rec'd of Benj: Chamberlin, Col. for 1825 300.00
Cash rec'd of Luther Marshall, Col. for 1824 150.00
amounting in all to the sum of 453.25
and is credited
By Cash paid Rev. Wilkes Allen's orders 475.00
" " Stephen Peirce Jr's order 18.50
" " Nath.l Howard's order 3.00
amounting to the sum of 496.50
leaving a Balance due the Treasurer of
forty three Dollars and twenty five cents 43.25

2. Militia Money.

The Treasurer is charged with the sum of forty Dollars, as a Balance due from him on the last annual Settlement ℔ 40.00
and Cash rec'd of Sundry Exempts 46.00
amounting to the sum of 86.00
and is credited
By Cash paid on sundry orders 29.11
leaving a Balance in the hands of the Treas.r of 56.89

3. Town and School Money.

The Treasurer is also charged with Town & School Money as follows viz.
Cash rec'd of Lieut. John Bateman Collector for 1822 24.56
Cash rec'd of Luther Marshall, Col. for 1823 562.07

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Settlement with the Town Treasurer.

Cash rec'd of Luther Marshall. Col. for 1824	℔ 2442.45
" " Luther Marshall, Col for 1825	742.04
" " State Treasurer	7.70
" " Benj: Chamberlin. Col. for 1825	1200.00
amounting in all to the sum of	4978.82
and is credited	
By the Balance due on the last annual Settlement	
amounting to	405.33
and by Cash paid on Sundry Orders	4573.18
in all the sum of	4978.51
leaving a Balance due the Town from the	
Treasurer of	℔ 0.31

Jael Adams
Caleb Abbott } Committee

Assented to by Benjamin Chamberlin, Treasurer.

Recorded by Jael Adams, Town Clerk

Town Officers for the year 1826

Town of Chelmsford March 6th A.D. 1826 —
The following named persons on the abovesaid day in legal Town Meeting, were chosen into the several offices set against their respective names, and have appeared before me the Subscriber and taken the oath required by law to qualify them for the office into which they are respectively chosen, to wit.

e of taking
e oath

March 9th Alpheus Spalding
" Charles Blood
" Ephraim Adams
} Selectmen & Assessors

Town Treasurer

11th William D. Kidder
" Ezekiel Byam
} Constables

20th James Pitts
" Noah Spalding
" Sewall Parkhurst
27th Elias Sweetser
" Andrew Spalding
" Simeon Spalding 2d.
May 8 Isaac Chamberlin jr.
June 2 Henry S. Parker —
} Surveyors of Highways

20th Joel B. Wright
Apr. 21 Eli Parker
" Willard Proctor
} Fence Viewers

20th John Crosby
} Field drivers —

20th Azariah Proctor Jun
9th Benj: Blood —
May 3 Samuel F. Woods
} Surveyors of Lumber

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Town officers for 1826. Sworn

time of taking the oath			
March 9th.	Shurebiah Spalding		
"	Samuel Stevens		
"	Caleb Abbott		
20th	Benj: Spalding		
April 3d.	Joseph Chamberlin	Measurers of wood	
"	Jael Roper		
20th	James Pitts	Hog reeves	
		Weighers of hay	
		Inspectors of Lime	
		Gullers of Staves.	

Jael Adams, Town Clerk

Warrant for April Meeting A. D. 1826 —

Middlesex ss. To William D Ridder one of the Constables of the town of Chelmsford in said County Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and Warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Governor, Lieut. Governor & Senators, to assemble at the Meeting house in the Middle of said Town on Monday the third day of April next, at one of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for a Governor and Lieut. Governor of the Commonwealth aforesaid, and Senators for the district of Middlesex you are also required to notify and Warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to vote in town affairs and for Town officers to assemble at the time and place above mentioned to act on the following Articles, to wit —

1 To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting —

2 To give in their Votes for Treasurer for the County of Middlesex

3 To fill up all Vacant Town offices —

4 To see in what way the Taxes shall be collected in said Town the ensuing year.

5 To see if the Town will choose a Committee to make the annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer.

6 To see if the Town will choose a School Committee to examine the Schools in said Town the ensuing year.

7 To hear the report of the Committee chosen at March Meeting to devise the way and manner the roads and bridges shall be repaired the ensuing year, or act thereon as the Town may think proper —

8 To grant Money for repairing roads & bridges the ensuing year

9 To see if the Town will restrain Horses and neat Cattle and commonable beasts from going at large without a keeper

10 To choose a Committee to make a settlement with the Town of Lowell —

11 To

Warrant for April Meeting A. D. 1826

11 To give in their Votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Middlesex.

12 At the request of Japhath Parker and others to see if the Town will lay out and make a road beginning near Samuel Parkhurst's house thence running on the Northwesterly side of Robbin hill to the most convenient place near the parting of the roads on the northerly side of said hill, or act any thing thereon that the town may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto the town Clerk at or before the time appointed for said Meeting. Given under our hands and Seals this twenty-first day of March A. D. 1826

Alpheus Spalding
Charles Blood
Ephraim Adams
} Selectmen of Chelmsford.

Recorded by Jack Adams, Town Clerk

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and Warned the male inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place, and for the several purposes, therein named

Chelmsford March 24. 1826

William D. Kidder. Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jack Adams. Town Clerk

Votes for Governor &c. 1826 -

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, holden on the third day of April, being the first Monday of said Month, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six, for the purpose of giving their Votes for Governor and Lieut. Governor of said Commonwealth. The whole number of Votes given in, were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed - and were for the following persons -

for Governor - { Levi Lincoln, Sixty three,
James Lloyd, fifty seven,
Samuel Hubbard, three, votes

for Lieut Gov: { Thomas L. Winthrop, one hundred and two -
Samuel Hubbard, nineteen
John Lowell, three vote

Alpheus Spalding } Selectmen
Charles Blood } of
Ephraim Adams } Chelmsford

Attest Joel Adams Town Clerk

Votes for Senators &c 1826

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Senators and Counsellors, holden on the third day of April, being the first Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Senators and Counsellors, for the District of Middlesex - The whole number of Votes given in, were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration then of made, as by the Constitution is directed, and were for the following persons.

For. Hon. John Keyes, one hundred and Seventeen
Luke Fiske, eighty four
Abel Jewett, Sexty four
Leonard M. Parker, Sexty four
Benj: F. Varnum, Sixty three
Israel Hildreth, forty
John Wade, thirty five
Seth Knowles, thirty eight
William Whittemore, Thirty two
Jack Adams, twenty Seven
John Abbott, twenty three
Luther Lawrence, twenty two
Samuel Kaar jr. three
Asahel Stearns, two

Alpheus Spalding, Charles Blood, Ephraim Adams } Selectmen of Chelmsford

Attest Jack Adams, Town Clerk

April Meeting A. D. 1826

At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified by Law to Vote for Town-officers and in town affairs, holden at the Meeting house in the middle of said Town on Monday third day of April A. D. 1826 — The town proceeded and Voted as follows, to wit —

Voted For a Moderator and choose Jonathan Perham Esq —

Voted For a County Treasurer and the votes were for Hon. John Keyes forty votes —

Voted To excuse Daniel Proctor, and chose Parker Chamberlin a Surveyor of highways in his stead —.

Voted To excuse ~~Joseph Parker~~ and chose Joseph Chamberlin in his stead, a School Committee for District No 4 —

Voted To excuse Joseph Chamberlin and chose Rev. John Perkins a School Committee man in his stead.

Voted To put up the Collection of the Taxes to the Lowest bidder.

Voted That the collector be required to collect all the Taxes by the last Monday in February next, and that the Collector shall not be allowed any pay for collecting after that time. The collection of the Taxes for the South End of the Town was put up and struck off to Lieut. Otis Adams at one cent and five mills on the Dollar —
The North End was put up in like manner and was struck off to Lieut. Otis Adams at two cents on the Dollar.

Voted To choose a Committee to make the annual settlement with the Town Treasurer and chose William Adams Esq. Jacob Adams and Samuel Davis Esq.

Voted To dismiss the sixth Article in the Warrant.

Voted To accept the Report of the Committee respecting repairing the Roads and Bridges —

Voted and granted the sum of Eight hundred Dollars for the repairs of the Roads and Bridges —

April Meeting. A. D. 1826 —

Voted To choose a Committee to make a Settlement with the Town of Lowell —

Voted For said Committee and chose Joel Adams Caleb Abbott and Nathaniel Howard Esq.

Voted For a Register of Deeds in the County of Middlesex and the Votes were for William F. Stone forty two.

Voted To dismiss the 12th Article in the Warrant.

Voted To dismiss the Meeting —

A true Record, Attest. Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Report of the committee on repairing Highways &c
(see the following Page)

The Surveyors to call out as many in the several Districts, as they shall judge to be expedient, and no person to work on the Highways, unless directed by the Surveyors. —

The Labor on the Highways to be done to the acceptance of the Surveyors in the several Districts, and if the Surveyor's time at ten cents pr. Hour amounts to more than his Tax, the difference to be paid him by the Town.

The powder which may be required to be found by the Town, and the Bridges where plank may be necessary for their repairs be supplied by the Town, as it has been heretofore done — All which is respectfully submitted

Caleb Abbott
James Pitts
William Adams
Benj: Chamberlin
} Committee.

Chelmsford April 3. 1826

Recorded by Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Report of Committee on repairing Highways &c

The Committee to whom was refered the Subject respecting repairing the Highways in the Town of Chelmsford, having met and duly considered the same, beg leave to recommend the following for the consideration of the Town.

The price which has been allowed by the Town of one Dollar and twenty five cents, per day for labor on the Highways be reduced to ten cents pr. Hour, for an able bodied man, ten cents pr. Hour for one pair of oxen and a cart —

The Surveyors in the several districts to regulate the working hours —

The Surveyors to have the power to receive the Tax in money from those who may choose to pay the same in preference to working out their Tax, and to lay out the same on the Highways to the best advantage.

The Surveyors be directed to repair the roads immediately after being Sworn, should the same be necessary, and allow the amount of Labor done to those who may be directed by them to work, when they receive their Tax Bills

The price of Labor not to be reduced during the season —

Two thirds of the amount of Taxes, to be worked out previous to the 15th. of June, and the residue from the first of September to the 15th of November, in each year, unless imperious circumstances dictate to the contrary —

The Surveyors to examine the State of the road in the several Districts, previous to calling out any person or persons to work on the roads.

(See preceding Page)

Warrant for May Meeting — 1826

Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Seal Middlesex ss. To Ezekiel Byam one of the Constables of
Seal the Town of Chelmsford in said County. Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to assemble at the Meeting-house in the Middle of said Town on thursday the fourth day of May next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to choose one or more Person, Representatives to the next General Court of said Commonwealth —

You are hereby required by the authority aforesaid to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the time and place aforesaid, to act on the following Articles, viz —

1. To choose a Moderator —
2. At the request of Owen Emerson Junr. To see if the Town will annex him and others to School District No 3.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, unto one of the Selectmen, at or before the time appointed for said Meeting —

Given under our hands and Seals this Seventeenth day of April A. D. 1826 —

Alpheus Spaulding
Charles Blood } Selectmen.
Ephraim Adams

Recorded by Jacl Adams. T. Clerk

Warrant for May Meeting - 1826 -

Constables' Return -

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford, April 22. A.D. 1826.
In obedience to the within warrant I have posted up four attested copies of said Warrant, to wit, one copy at the Meeting house in the middle of said Town, and one copy at the Baptist Meeting-house, and one copy at the second Congregational Meeting-house and one copy at the house of William Parker, all in said Town, and for the purposes within mentioned -

Attest, Ezekiel Byam, Constable of Chelmsford

Attest Jacob Adams, Town Clerk

May Meeting — 1826 —

At a legal Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court holden at the Meeting house in the Middle of said town, on Thursday, the fourth day of May A. D. 1826.

Voted, That it is not expedient to send a Representative to the next General Court —

Attest Joel Adams, Town Clerk —

At a legal Town Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, holden as above stated —

Voted, For a Moderator, and chose Jonathan Perham, Esq.
Voted, To annex Mr. Owen Emerson Junr. and his property and that lying north of him, to School District No. 3.
Voted, To excuse Rev. John Pierce from serving as a School Committee in District No. 4 — and choose Mr. Josiah Vose in his stead —
Voted, and Chose Majr. Nathaniel Howard a School Committee, for District No. 11. instead of Mr. Harvey Burnet, removed out of this town —
Voted, To dismiss the Meeting —

Attest, Joel Adams, Town Clerk

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Warrant for Town Meeting. Novr 6th. 1826 —

Seal Middlesex ss. To Ezekiel Byam, one of the constables
Seal of the Town of Chelmsford and County of Middlesex
Seal Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Meeting house in the middle of Chelmsford on Monday the sixth day of Nov? at one of the Clock P. M.
To give in their votes for a Representative in the Congress of the United States for the Middlesex Distrut —
Also to act on the following Articles — viz —

1. To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting.
2 By the request of Ezekiel Byam, and others, to see if the Town will widen the Road near, and north of his store, and act thereon as the Town think proper.
3. By the request of some of the first Congregational Society in Chelmsford, to see if the Town will raise money for a Singing-School, and act thereon —
and you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up your attested Copies thereof, one at the Meeting house in the middle of said town, one at the Meeting-house at the head of Middlesex Canal, one at William Parker's tavern, one at the Baptist Meeting house fourteen days at least before the time of said Meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid — Given under our hands and Seals this 18th day of Octr in the year of our Lord 1826 —

Alpheus Spaulding } Selectmen
Charles Blood } of Chelmsford

Attest Zadock Adams Town Clerk

Constables Return on the foregoing Warrant. viz:

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford Oct. 27. 1826 —
Pursuant to the within warrant I have posted up four attested copies of said Warrant, viz — one copy at the Meeting-house in the Middle of the Town; one Copy at the Meeting-house at the Head of Middlesex Canal; and one at William Parker's tavern; and one at the Baptist-Meeting-house in said Town for the purposes within expressed.

Ezekiel Byam, Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jael Adams, Town Clerk

Choice of Representative to Congress - (1826)

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden on the sixth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Middlesex District, The whole number of Votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made, as by Law is directed, and were for the following persons to wit -

For Hon. Edward Everett, fifty votes.

Alpheus Spalding
Charles Bood
Ephraim Adams
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Attest Jack Adams, Town Clerk

Town Meeting Novr 6th 1826

At a legal Meeting of the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford, qualified by law to vote for Town officers and in Town affairs, holden at the Meeting house in the middle of said Town on Monday the sixth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six, the Town proceeded as follows, to wit —

Voted, For a Moderator and chose Capt. Alpheus Spalding

Voted, That the second Article in the Warrant for this Meeting be refered to the Selectmen, and that they be authorised to widen the road, provided the expense thereof do not exceed the sum of twenty five Dollars, and that they make Report at the next Town Meeting —

Voted And granted the sum of one hundred and fifty Dollars to be expended for the support of Singing Schools in said Town, and each Religious Society receive and expend the amount they respectively pay

Voted To choose a Committee of three, one from each religious Society, to expend the Money as aforesaid.

Voted For said Committee and chose Deac. Noah Spalding. Deac. Isaiah Spalding and Mr. Charles Bent —

Voted That the Selectmen be authorised to draw the above sum out of the Town Treasury, as soon as the Committee have expended the same

Voted To dismiss the Meeting

Attest Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Be it remembered that on this seventh day of October A.D. 1816 the subscribers the Selectmen of the towns of Chelmsford and Westford having met by the appointment of the Selectmen of said Chelmsford the most ancient of said towns proceeded to run the lines, and renew the bounds, between the said towns pursuant to the provisions of a law of this Commonwealth passed March 28th 1786 and the bounds between said towns by us renewed are as follows. viz.

1st. A stone marked W, C. in Tyngs meadow.
2nd. A stone marked C, W.
3rd. A stake not found near a pond hole.
4th. A stone marked C. W, east of the house of Andrew Fletcher Jun. near the land of Major Nathaniel Howard.
5th. A stone near the house of Jonas & Josiah Keys.
6th. A stone marked C. W. by Samuel Richardson's wall east of the house.
7th. A stone marked C, W, south of Capt. Jonathan Keys' house.
8th. A white oak tree marked by the road that leads from Chelmsford to Westford.
9th. A chesnut tree marked in a pasture east of the house of the late Col. Wright.
10th. A stone marked C, W, near Wm. Hildreths house.
11th. A stone marked C, W. in Wd. Haywoods field.
12th. A stake and stones by a large stone marked C, W. in Wd. Mansfield's land by an old cart path.
13th. A stone marked C, W, by the road on pond plain.
14th. A stone marked C, W easterly of Thomas Hutchins house by the south side of the woods.
15th. A stake and stones east of Josiah Bointons house at Carlisle line.

Levi Heywood. } Selectmen
Zacheus Read Jr. } of Westford.
Alpheus Spaulding. } Selectmen
Charles Blood. } of Chelmsford.

Recorded by Joel Adams. Town Clerk

Be it remembered that on this sixteenth day of October A.D. 1826 the subscribers the Selectmen of the towns of Chelmsford and Carlisle having met by the assignment of the Selectmen of said Chelmsford the most ancient of said towns proceeded to run the lines, and renew the bounds between the said towns pursuant to the provisions of a law of this Commonwealth passed March 23rd. 1785 and the bounds between said towns by us renewed are as follows. viz.

1st. A stake and stones at Billerica line.

2nd. A stake and stones on the east side of Benj.n Baldwins field grown up with pines.

3d. A stake and stones on the west side of said Baldwins field north of his house in the edge of the woods.

4th. A stake and stones in the highway between Rueben & Jonas. Parkers.

5th. A stake and stones east of the highway leading from Josiah Vose's to the Widow Crosby's.

6th. A stake and stones in the pasture of Capt. Zaccheus Wright.

7th. A stake and stones in the field of Daniel Proctor.

8th. A stake and stones in the wood-land of Wd. Proctor by a fence near the meadow.

9th. A stake and stones north side of Jacob Blaisdells field.

10th. A stake and stones west of the road north of said Blaisdells house.

11th. A stake and stones one rod west of the field that was Wm. Peirces.

12th. A white oak stump with stones about it by an old wall running north and south in the woods.

13th. A stake and stones in the field of Oliver Hutchins making the south-west corner of Chelmsford and the north-west corner of Carlisle.

John Jacobs. } Selectmen
Cyrus Heald. } of Carlisle.

Alpheus Spaulding } Selectmen
Ephraim Adams. } of Chelmsford.

Recorded by Joel Adams. Town Clerk

Be it remembered that on this fourth day of October A.D. 1820. the subscribers the Selectmen of the town of Chelmsford and Tyngsborough having met by the appointment of the said Selectmen of Chelmsford the most ancient of said Towns proceeded to run and renew the bounds between the said town. pursuant to the provision of a law of this Commonwealth passed March 23rd. 1786, and the bounds between said towns by as renewed are as follows. viz. c

Beginning at a large stone near Wickasie falls marked T, C. thence running westerly to a large stone on the west side of the great road opposite Jacob Kidders house marked T, C. thence southerly on said road to a stone marked T, C, on the west side of the road near Isaac Chamberlains Grist house, thence S. 44° W. 15 rods to a stone marked T C, thence N. 53° W. sixty-six rod to a stone marked T, C, thence N. 22° W. fifty rods to a stone marked T, C, thence W. 9° S. twenty five rods to a stone marked T, C, near Richard Littlehales house thence N. 42° W. seventy-two rods to a stone by the side of the Cummings road so called marked T.C. thence S. 4, 0 W. thirty nine rods to a large stone in the edge of a swamp marked T, C, thence N. 1° W. thirty rods to a stone marked T C, thence N. 84° W. one hundred and twenty rods to a stone in Tyngs meadow marked W. T. C, being a corner bound of Westford.

Charles Blood. } Selectmen
Ephraim Adams } of Chelmsford
Daniel Richardson } Selectmen
Joseph F. Bancroft } of Tyngsborough.

Recorded by Jall Adams. Town-Clerk

Warrant for March Meeting. 1827.

Middlesex ss. To Ezekiel Byam one of the Constables of the town of Chelmsford in said County. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusells you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town ——, qualified by law to vote for town officers and in town affairs to assemble at the meeting-house in the middle of said town on Monday the Fifth day of March next at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, viz)

1st. To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting.

2d. To make choice of town officers for the ensuing year.

3d. To hear the report of the Committee chosen to settle with the town Treasurer and act thereon —.

4th. To grant money for the support of the Ministry and other Parochial charges —.

5th. To grant money for the support of Schools, the Poor, Roads, and all other town charges —.

6th. To direct in what way and manner the Schools shall be kept in said town the ensuing year —.

7th. To direct in what way and manner the roads and bridges shall be repaired the ensuing year —.

8th. To see if the town will give liberty for swine to go at large the ensuing year —.

9th. To choose Overseers of the Workhouse for the ensuing year —.

10th. To choose a committee to give certificates to members of the first Congregational society in said town —.

11th. To see in what way town meeting shall be warned —.

12th. To see if the town will accept of a road laid out by the Selectmen, beginning at the road leading from Widow Stevens to Jonas Spaulding's running southerly untill it intersects the road that leads to Aaron Chamberlain and act thereon —.

13th. To see if the town will discontinue the old road leading over Chesnut hill from the road leading from Aaron Chamberlains to Westford to the road leading from Westford to Chelmsford or act thereon as the town may think proper. —

14th By the request of sundry Legal voters in the town will meet at the meeting house in the middle of the town at 9 o'clock the forenoon of said day.

15th By the request of Mr Samuel Davis and others to see if the town will raise the choice of school committee to the several districts at their district meetings.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Town Clerk at or before the time appointed for said Meeting.
Given under our hands and seals this twentieth day of February A.D. 1827.

Alpheus Spaulding
Charles Blood
Ephraim Adams
} Selectmen of Chelmsford.

Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford Feby. 23rd 1827.
Pursuant to the within warrent I have posted up four attested copies of said warrent (viz) one copy at the meeting-house in the middle of said town and one at the Baptist meeting-house, one at the second Congregational meeting-house and one copy at Wm. Parker's tavern all in said town and for the purpose within expressed.

Attest. Ezekiel Byam Constable of Chelmsford.

Middlesex ss. March 5th. 1827. Personally appeared Jail Adams of Chelmsford and made oath truly to record all votes passed at the town Meeting at which he is chosen town Clerk of the Town of Chelmsford and all other Town Meetings during the year, and until another Clerk is chosen and sworn in his stead, and faithfully to discharge all the duties of his said office.

Before me. Jonathan Perham. Jus. Peace

Recorded by. Jail Adams. Town Clerk

March Meeting. A. D. 1827.

Town of Chelmsford, Monday March 5th. 1827

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford, holden at the meeting-house in the Middle of said Town, of such as are qualified by Law to Vote for Town officers and in Town affairs, on Monday the fifth day of March A. D. 1827. The Town proceeded and voted as follows. to wit

Voted, For a Moderator, and Majr. Nath.l Howard was chosen.
Voted, For a Town Clerk, & Joel Adams was chosen.
Voted, To choose three Selectmen for the ensuing year.
Voted, For the first Selectman and chose Capt. Alpheus Spalding.
Voted, For the second Selectman and chose Mr. Charles Blood.
Voted, For the third Selectman, and chose Mr. Ephraim Adams.
Voted To choose three Overseers of the Poor &c.
Voted, For Overseers of the Poor and chose Capt. John Butterfield, Capt. Shercbiah Spalding and Ephraim.
Voted, For a Town Treasurer & chose Benj: Chamberlin.
Voted To choose two Constables.
Voted For Constables and chose William D. Kidder, and Ezekiel Byam.
Voted, To excuse Ezekiel Byam from serving as Constable.
Voted again and chose Lieut Otis Adams, Constable.
Voted To choose four Fishwardens, and chose Charles Richardson, Samuel Dunn, Obediah Badger, and James Tibets.
Voted To take up and act upon the 15th Article in the Warrant
Voted To dismiss the 15th Article &c.

March Meeting 1827. continued;

Voted To choose a School-Committee, consisting of one man in each School-District, and chose in District No. 1. Stephen Pierce.
" No 3. Gideon Whittemore.
" No 4. Daniel Proctor.
" No 5 Daniel Parker.
" No 6 Solomon Byam,
" No 7 David Carlton.
" No 8 Isaiah Spalding.
" No 9 Parker Dutton.
" No 10 Luke Thompson.

Voted For Surveyors of Highways, and chose Haskell Spalding - Isaiah Spalding, Charles Richardson - Abel Spalding, Amos Byam - Samuel F. Woods, John F. Sorry, Daniel Proctor, 2nd, Joseph Parker and Benj: Livingston.

Voted To choose three Fence-Viewers, and chose Nathaniel Howard, John Farrar & David Horton.

Voted, To choose four Field-drivers and chose Israel Putnam, John Crosby, Ezra Warren, and Owen Spalding.

Voted, To choose six Surveyors of Lumber and chose, Samuel F. Woods, Salomon Adams, Allen Robinson, Benj: Blood, Micajah Bowers & Josiah Webber.

Voted, To choose three more Surveyors of Lumber and chose Azariah Proctor jr, Edmund Sweet and Josiah K. Parkhurst.

Voted To choose one Measurer of Wood in each School District, and chose
in District No. 1 Haskell Spalding.
" No. 3 Joel Parkhurst.
" No. 4 Willard Proctor.
" No 5 Joseph Warren.

in No — 6 Amos Byam.
" 7 Sprake Livingston.
" 8 Alphus Spalding.
" 9 Samuel Dunn.
" 10 Jael Roper —.

Voted. To choose three more Measurers of Wood & chose Eben. Adams, Allen Robinson & Azr. Proctor Jr.

Voted. To choose two Hog-Reeves and chose Charles Howard and William Hildreth —.

Voted. To choose three Weighers of Hay and chose Thomas J. Adams. Allen Robinson. and William Parker.

Voted. To choose two Inspitors of Leine and chose Artemas Parker and Capt. Josiah Fletcher.

Voted. To choose two Cullers of Staves and chose Amos Whitney Junr. and Capt John Shed —.

Voted To choose a Pound-Keeper and chose Stephen Pierce —

Voted, To accept the Report of the Committee, appointed to settle with the Town-Treasurer —

Voted, That the Town-Treasurer be directed to require the several Collectors of Taxes previous to the last-year, to settle all arrears of Taxes within twenty days.

Voted. That the Town Treasurer be authorised to hire for the Town such sum of money as shall be sufficient to discharge all debts due from this town previous to March. 1. 1826, excepting the debts due for the Poor-farm —

Voted To choose a Committee to assist the Town-Treasurer in settling all the outstanding Debts &c —

Voted For said Committee and chose Jael Adams, Samuel Davis. Esqr. and Capt. John Butterfield.

Voted, and granted the sum of five hundred and fifty Dollars for the support of the Gospel-Ministry in the first Congregational Society in said Town — to be assessed on the Members of said Society.

Voted, and granted the sum of Eight hundred dollars for the support of the Town-Schools &c.

March Meeting A. D. 1827. cont'd.

Voted, and granted the sum of Seven hundred dollars for the support of the Town's poor —

Voted, and granted the sum of eight hundred dollars to defray the incidental expences of the Town —

Voted, and granted the sum of Eight hundred dollars for the repairs of the Highways and Bridges —

Voted, That the School Money be laid out and expended in the same way and manner it was the past year.

Voted That the Highways and Bridges be repaired in the same way and manner they were the past year.

Voted, To dismiss the eighth Article in the Warrant.

Voted, To dismiss the tenth Article in the Warrant.

Voted, To dismiss the eleventh Article in the Warrant.

Voted, To dismiss the twelfth Article in the Warrant.

Voted, To discontinue the Labor on the Road mentioned in the thirteenth Article of the Warrant.

Voted To refer the thirteenth Article in the Warrant to a committee of three, to be nominated by the Moderator —

Voted For said committee and chose Saml. F. Wood Amos Whitney and Joseph Manning —

Voted To dismiss the 14th Article in the Warrant.

Voted To dismiss the Meeting —

Attest Joel Adams. Town Clerk

The Subscribers, a committee to make the annual settlement with the Town-Treasurer, have attended to the duty assigned them as stated in the following — Report.

1 The Treasurer is charged with Ministereal Money as follows. viz. Cash received of Lieut. Otis Adams, Col. for 1826 $ 432.00
Cash rec'd of Benj: Chamberlin, Col. for 1825 — — 125.00
amounting to the sum of $ 557.00
and is credited,
By the Bal. due him on the last Settlement 43.25
By Cash paid Rev'd Wilkes Allen's Orders 500.00
By Cash paid Stephen Pierce's Order 33.00
By Cash paid Otis Adams order 3.59
579.84
leaving a Ballance due the Treasurer of
twenty two dollars & eighty four cents $ 22.84

2 Militia Money.

The Treasurer is charged with a Balance due the Town on the last Settlement of — $ 56.89
and with Cash rec'd of Sundry exempts 14.00
amounting to the sum of $ 70.89
which sum is due from the Treasurer —

3 Town and School Money ~~which~~ was granted by the Town in 1826 —

The Treasurer is charged with Cash received of Lieut. Otis Adams. Col. for the year 1826 to the amount of $ 2037.00
and is credited by Cash paid on sundry
Town-Orders, amounting to 2011.66
leaving a Balance due the Town of
twenty five dollars and 34 cents $ 25.34

Chelmsford March 3. 1827.

William Adams
Joel Adams
Samuel Davis
} Committee

assented to Benj: Chamberlin. Tr.

Recorded by Joel Adams. Town Clerk

Town-officers for the year 1827.

Town of Chelmsford Monday, March 5th, A. D. 1827.
The following named persons on the above said day in legal Town-Meeting were chosen into the several offices set against their respective names, and have appeared before me the Subscriber, and taken the oath by law required to qualify them for the office into which they are respectively chosen - to wit.

Time of taking the oath		
March 5	William D. Fiddler	Constables
"	Otis Adams	
17	Athenus Spalding	Selectmen & as assessors May. 1-
"	Charles Blood	
"	Ephraim Adams	
5	John T. Farrey	Surveyors of Highways.
"	Charles Richardson	
14	Abel Spalding	
"	Haskell Spalding	
17	Isaiah Spalding	
April 2	Benj: Livingston	Fence-viewers
"	Samuel F. Woods	
Ap. 4	John Crosby	Field drivers
4	Benj: Blood	Surveyors of Lumber
19	Allen Robinson	
April 2	Micajah Bowers.	
"	Samuel F. Wood	

Town-officers for 1827 Sworn

time of taking 14. Amos Bryant
the oath. 19th Allen Robinson
April 2. Joel Roper

} Measurers of Wood

March 5th William Heldreth } Hog-Reeve

May. 17 Charles Richardson } Fish-wardens

} weighers of Hay

} Inspectors of Lime

} Culler of Staves

Joel Adams. Town-Clerk,.

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Votes for Governor, &c. 1827.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, holden on the second day of April, being the first Monday of said Month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth. The whole number of Votes given in, were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed — and were for the following persons.

For Governor. His Excellency Levi Lincoln, twenty five Votes 25

Hon. William C. Jarvis, one hundred and twenty six Votes 126

For Lieutenant Governor,

Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop, one hundred and fifty Votes

Abiathar Shaw
Charles Blood
Ephraim Adams
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Attest Jacl Adams Town Clerk

Votes for Senators &c. 1827.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Senators and Counsellors, holden on the second day of April, being the first Monday of said Month, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Senators and Counsellors for the District of Middlesex. The Whole number of Votes given in, were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof make, as by the Constitution is derected — and were for the following persons.

For. Hon. John Keyes, one hundred & forty seven. Votes.
" Leonard M. Parker, one hundred & forty five
" Abel Jewett, one hundred & forty one,
" Benj: F. Varnum. one hundred & forty one
" Luke Fiske, one hundred & forty four.
" John Abbot. seven.
" Samuel Haan[illegible]. Seven,
" John Wade one
" Nathaniel Wright Esq. four votes

Alpheus Spaulding } Selectmen
Charles Blood } of
Ephraim Adams } Chelmsford

Attest Jacl Adams. Town Clerk

28 Warrant for April Meeting 1827 -

(Seal) Middlesex ss. To Lt. Otis Adams, one of the Constables
(Seal) of the Town of Chelmsford in said County, Greeting.
(Seal) In the name of Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Senators to assemble at the Meeting house in the Middle of said town on Monday the second April next at one of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for a Governor and Lieut. Governor of the Commonwealth aforesaid, and Senators for the district of Middlesex.
You are also required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote for Town affairs and in Town affairs to assemble at the time and place above mentioned to act on the following Articles, to wit. -

1. To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting -
2°. To give in their Votes for Treasurer for the County of Middlesex
3°. To fill up all vacant Town offices -
4th. To see in what way the Taxes shall be collected in said Town the year ensuing -
5th To see if the Town will choose a Committee to make the annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer -
6th. To see if the Town will choose a School Committee to examine the Schools in said Town the ensuing year -
7th To hear the Report of the Committee chosen at March meeting to examine the Road across Chesnut hill from Alpheus Spaulding to Aaron Chamberlain's & act thereon -
8th To see if the town will choose Assessors of Taxes for the year ensuing and act thereon -
8th To see if the Town will accept a road laid out by the Selectmen across Chesnut hill from near Alpheus Spauldings to ward Aaron Chamberlains, or act thereon
10th To see if the town will Vote that the price of labor on the Highways for the year ensuing shall be one Dollar for nine hours labor for each man and the same as a man for each yoke of oxen and Cart or act thereon

11th To see if the Town will restrain Horses and Neat Cattle and other Commonable beasts from going at large without a Keeper the year ensuing -

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto the Town Clerk at or before the time appointed for said Meeting -

Given under our hands and Seals this seventeenth day of March A.D. 1827 -

Alpheus Spaulding } Selectmen
Charles Blood }
Ephraim Adams } Chelmsford

Recorded by Joel Adams. Town Clerk

Middlesex ss. April 2. 1827, I served the within Warrant by posting up four attested copies thereof as follows, one at the Baptist Meeting-house in Chelmsford and one at the Meeting house in the Middle of s. Town, one at the Meeting house near the Head of the Canal and one at William Parker's Tavern in s. Town fourteen days before the time of holding this Meeting -

Otis Adams, Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Joel Adams. Town Clerk

April-Meeting. 1827.

Town of Chelmsford. Monday. April 2d. 1827.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, qualified by Law to vote for Town-offices and in Town-affairs. holden at the Meetinghouse in the middle of said Town on Monday the 2d. A.D. 1827. the Town proceeded and voted as follows.

Voted by Ballot for a County Treasurer for the County of Middlesex and the Votes were

For Hon. John Keyes. forty three -

Voted, For a Moderator and chose Jonathan Perham, Esqr.

Voted, To excuse Lieut. Joseph Parker from serving as a Surveyor of Highways - and Capt. Henry P. Parker was chosen a Surveyor of Highways in his stead.

Voted, To excuse Amos Byam from serving as a Surveyor of Highways and John Parker was chosen in his stead.

Voted To hear the Report of the committee, appointed to make the annual Settlement with the Town-Treasr. which Report was read, and accepted by the Town.

Voted That the Collector of the Taxes for the ensuing year be required to make a final and full Settlement with the Town-Treasurer and Selectmen on or before the first day of May 1828. and that the Collector shall be required to pay interest on the Ballance then due, till paid -

Voted That the Collection of the Taxes for the whole Town be put up and Struck off to the lowest bidder. -

The Collection was then put up on the conditions above stated, and struck off to Lieut. Otis Adams, at the sum of one cent and Seven Mills on the Dollar.

Voted To choose a committee to make the annual settlement with the Town-Treasurers & that said committee consist of three -

Voted For said committee, and Jonathan Perham, Esq. Joel Adams and Majr. Jos. Manning were chosen.

Voted, To choose a School-Committee
Voted, That said Committee consist of three.
Voted, By Ballot for said Committee, and chose Messrs.
Benj: Chamberlin, Alpheus Spalding & Charles Blood.
Voted To accept the Report of the Committee, appointed
to view the Road leading over Chesnut Hill, so called.
Voted To dismiss the eighth Article in the Warrant.
Voted, To dismiss the ninth Article in the Warrant.
Voted To dismiss the tenth Article in the Warrant.
Voted To restrain horses, Neat-Cattle and other commonable
beasts from going at large in said town without
a Keeper the year ensuing —
Voted. That the Selectmen be authorized and directed to
to sell & dispose of the U. S. six per cent deferred Stock,
belonging to this town, and pay the proceeds into
the Town Treasury.
Voted To dismiss the Meeting —

A true Record. Attest. Joel Adams. Town Clerk

Capt. Henry S. Parker and Mr. Amos Byam were severally sworn as Surveyors of Highways
Before me Joel Adams. Town Clerk

April Meeting - 1827.

Report of the Committee appointed to view the Road over Chesnut Hill, &c. viz.

The subscribers, a committee appointed at the last Town Meeting to examine a Road over Chesnut Hill, from Aaron Chamberlin's to Westford road, have attended to that duty and beg leave to submit the following

Report.

We are of opinion that the said road ought to be repaired, and would advise, that the Town should appropriate the sum of thirty dollars, exclusive of highway Taxes, to be laid out in repairs on said road.

Chelmsford March 29. 1827

Samuel F. Wood
Amos Whitney
Joseph Manning.

Recorded by Joel Adams, Town Clerk.

Warrant for May - Posting A. D. 1827

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Middlesex ss. To Mr. Otis Adams, one of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford, in said County, Greeting.

Seal Seal Seal

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives, to assemble at the Meeting house in the middle of said Town on Thursday, the third day of May next at two of the Clock in the afternoon to choose one or more persons, Representatives to the next General Court of said Commonwealth by posting up four attested copies one at the Meeting house in the middle of said town, one at the Baptist-meeting house, one at the Meeting house at the head of the Canal, and one at the House of Wm. Parker, all in Chelmsford —

You are also required by the authority aforesaid to notify and Warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the time and place aforesaid to act on the following Articles, viz:

1 - To choose a Moderator.

2. At the request of Henry Spaulding and others to see if the Town will accept a road, laid out by the Selectmen leading from near Alpheus Spauldings across Chesnut hill towards Aaron Chamberlains, and lay out what money the Town sees fit to raise to repair the old road or the new one, or act any thing thereon the Town may think proper.

3. At the request of John Farwell and others to see if the Town will let neat Cattle run at large the ensuing year, or act thereon.

4th. At the request of Dea. John Spaulding to see if the Town will renumber the Highway Districts, or act thereon.

Warrant for May-Meeting. 1827.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrat with your doings thereon unto one of the Selectmen, at or before the time appointed for said Meeting —

Given under our hands and Seals this twentieth day of April. A.D. 1827 —

Alpheus Spaulding } Selectmen
Ephraim Adams } of Chelmsford

Recorded by Joel Adams. Town Clerk —

Middlesex ss. May 3d. 1827 —

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the qualified Voters of the Town of Chelmsford to meet at the within mentioned time and place by posting up an attested Copy of said Warrant at each of the public Meeting houses and at the house of Wm. Parker, all in Chelmsford fourteen days previous to holding this meeting —

Otis Adam. Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Joel Adams. Town Clerk —

Town-Meeting — May — 1827 —

At a legal Meeting of the Free holders, & other Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Representatives to the General Court, holden at the Meetinghouse in the middle of said Town on Thursday, the third day of May A. D. 1827 —

Voted, To elect one person, to represent this town in the next General Court of this Commonwealth.

Voted, By ballot for one person to represent this town in the next General Court &c and the Votes were —

For Joel Adams, —	Sixty nine Votes	— 69
" Jonathan Perham Esq.	Twenty eight Votes	28
" Samuel Davis, Esq.	two Votes	2
" Mr Benj. Chamberlin	one vote	1

and Joel Adams was chosen —

At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs, holden as aforesaid The Town proceeded to act on the several Articles in the Warrant — and

Voted and chose Majr. Nath.l Howard Moderator &c

Voted To dismiss the second Article in the Warrant

Voted That the Selectmen cause the Highway-Districts, to be numbered, and report the same to the Town.

Voted To dismiss the Meeting —

Attest Joel Adams, Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town-Meeting, Sept. 14. 1829 —

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex ss. To Mr. Otis Adams, one of the Constables of Chelmsford in said County — Greeting. —

(Seal) (Seal) (Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and Warn the Inhabitants of said Chelmsford qualified to vote in Town-affairs to assemble at the Meeting-house in the Middle of said Town on Monday the seventeenth day of September inst. at one of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles, viz. —

1. To choose a Moderator of the Meeting.
2. To take into consideration the Petitions of Samuel Batchelder & others, Samuel Davis and others, Jeremiah Gilson and others, and Caleb Wight and others to the Commissioners of Highways, for Roads in different parts of the Town of Chelmsford and act thereon as the Town may think proper —
3. To see if the Town will repair the work house, or act thereon.
4th At the request of Henry Spaulding and others, to see if the Town will accept of a road leading from Phebe Stevens' to Jonas Spaulding's, and running Southerly across Chesnut-Hill to Jacob Osgood's land or act thereon as the Town may think proper —
5th At the request of John Shed and others, to see if the Town will direct that the Surveyor of Highways for the district in which is included the road leading from near Alpheus Spaulding's across Chesnut-hill, to expend the money reported at a former Town-Meeting in repairing said road, or act thereon —
6th At the request of several individuals, to see if the Members of the first Congregational Society in said Town will repair and paint their Meeting-house
7th To grant money to defray the expence of said repairs and painting, to be assessed on said Society only —

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8th. To choose a Committee to superintend said Repairs and Painting -

Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for said Meeting.

Given under our hands and Seals at said Chelmsford this third day of September A. D. 1827 -

Abijah Spaulding } Selectmen.
Ephraim Adams } of Chelmsford.

Middlesex ss. Sept. 17. 1827 - Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Chelmsford aforesaid qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose within specified by posting up four attested copies, viz. one at each of the publick Meeting-houses in said Chelmsford at one at the house of William Parker in said town ten days previous to the time prescribed for holding said Meeting -

Otis Adams. Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jael Adams, Town Clerk

Town Meeting, Sept 17, 1827 —

At a legal Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Holmsford qualified to vote in Town-affairs, Holden at the Meeting house in the Middle of said Town, on Monday the Seventeenth day of September A.D. 1827, at one of the Clock in the afternoon —

Voted, By Ballot for a Moderator and chose William Adams Esq.

Voted, To choose a Committee to wait upon the Commissioners of Highways on the Petition of Samuel Batchelder and others,

Voted, That said Committee consist of three, and chose — Capt. Josiah Flitcher, Willard Read and Jos. Manning.

Voted, That the Town give their assent that the Commissioners of highways may lay out said road where they shall judge it will best accommodate the public —

Voted, To dismiss the further consideration of the Petitions of Jeremiah Gillson and others; and of Caleb Wright and others.

Voted, That the Overseers of the Poor be authorised to make such repairs to the Work-house as they shall think best —

Voted, To choose a Committee to view the old and new roads, over Chesnut Hill, and report to the Town at their next Town-Meeting, which will be most for the Towns Interest to make or repair —

Voted, That said Committee consist of three —

Voted, For said Committee and chose, Samuel S. Wood, Amos Whitney and Joseph Manning.

Voted, To refer the fifth Article in the Warrant to the next Town-Meeting —

Voted, That the first Congregational Society will paint and repair their Meeting-house —

Voted, And granted the sum of three hundred Dollars to defray the expenses of said painting and repairs, to be assessed on the first Congregational Society only —

Voted, To choose a Committee of three to superintend said Work —

Voted, That said Committee and chose
Capt. John Sutherland Jacob Adams & Capt Josiah Fletcher
That said Committee cause said work to be
done as soon as may be with convenience, and
the Meetinghouse be painted White.
Voted to dismiss the Meeting

Attest Jacob Adams Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town-Meeting, Oct. 15. 1827

Middlesex ss. To Otis Adams Constable of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex, Greeting

Seal Seal Seal. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the meeting house in the middle of said town on Monday the fifteenth day of October inst. at two O'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following Articles, viz:

1. To choose a Moderator to govern
2. To hear the Report of a Committee, chosen at a former town meeting to view an old road leading from near Alphus Spaulding's, across Chesnut Hill towards Aaron Chamberlain's, and also a new road laid out by the Selectmen, beginning at a road leading from Phebe Stevens to Jonas Spaulding's, and running across Chesnut Hill to Jacob Osgoods land, and act thereon as the town may think proper
3. To see if the town will accept a road laid by the Selectmen beginning at the road leading from Phebe Stevens to Jonas Spauldings, and running across Chesnut Hill southerly to land of Jacob Osgoods, or act thereon
4th. To see if the town will direct that the Surveyor of the district in which is included the road leading from near Alphus Spauldings across Chesnut hill, expend the money reported at a former town to be laid out in repairing said road, or act thereon

You are to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the publick meeting houses, and one at Wm. Parker's tavern in Chelmsford ten days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Warrant for Town-Meeting Oct. 5. 1827.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid - Given under our hands and seals, this second day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven.

Abner Spaulding
Charles Blood
Ephraim Adams
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jack Adams. Town-Clerk

Middlesex ss. Chelmsford Oct. 15th. 1827.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Chelmsford to assemble as within directed, who are qualified by law to vote in town affairs, by posting up four attested copies viz, one at each of the publick Meting houses and one at the Tavern of Wm Parker in said town ten days previous to the above date.

Otis Adams, Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jack Adams. Town Clerk

Town meeting. Oct. 15. 1827 —

At a legal Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, qualified to Vote in Town affairs, holden at the Meeting house in the Middle of said town on Monday the fifteenth day of October A.D. 1827. at two of the Clock in the afternoon — the town proceeded as follows — viz —

Voted. By ballot for a Moderator and William Adams, Esq. was chosen

Voted. To hear the Report of the Committee appointed at a former Town Meeting to examine an old road over Chesnut hill, and a road lately laid out by the Selectmen, which Report was presented by the said Committee, and read —

Voted. That the second, third and fourth Articles in the Warrant be postponed to the next annual Meeting in May next

Voted. To dismiss the Meeting —

Attest. Jacl Adams. Town Clerk

1829.

Road over Chesnut Hill —.

Oct 15

Report of a Committee &c.

The Subscribers, a Committee appointed by the Town at their last Town meeting to examine an old road across Chesnut hill and a road lately laid out by the Selectmen across the same —, have attended to that duty and present the following Report for their consideration —

They consider that the new Road will better accommodate the Travel than the old — They likewise the expense of finishing the new road will be less to the Town than to repair the old, to make it as good as the new one would probably be — and are of opinion that it is for the Interest of the Town to finish the new road

Chelmsford Oct. 15. 1829

Samuel F. Wood
Amos Whitney
Joseph Manning

In Town meeting, Oct 15. 1829. The foregoing Report was presented and read — and the further consideration thereof postponed to the next annual Town-meeting in May next —

Attest. Jacob Adams. Town Clerk

A. D. 1828

Warrant for March Meeting

Middlesex ss. To Levi Mrs. Adams one of the Constables in the Town of Chelmsford in said County — Greeting:

Seal Seal Seal In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to vote for Town-Officers and in Town affairs to assemble at the Meeting house in the Middle of said Town on Monday the third day of March next at nine o'clock in the fore-noon to act on the following articles, viz.

1 To make choice of Town-Officers for the ensuing year.

2 To hear the report of the Committee chosen to settle with the Town Treasurer and act thereon

3 To see if the first Congregational Society will raise money for the support of the Gospel ministry and for defraying the parochial charges in said Society for the ensuing year, the same to be assessed on the members of said Society only.

4 To grant money for the support of Schools, the Poor, Roads, and other Town charges.

5 To direct in what way and manner the schools shall be kept in said Town the ensuing year —

6 To direct in what way and manner the roads and bridges shall be repaired the ensuing year.

7th To see if the Town will restrain horses and neat cattle and swine from running at large within the limits of the Town the ensuing year —

8 To choose Overseers of the Work house for the ensuing year.

9 To see in what way and manner Town-Meetings shall be warned —

10th At the the request of Amos Whitney Esq. and others To see if the Town will repair and raise the Wing-walls at the Bridge over Black-brook near Amos Whitney Esq. — Also to see if the Town will build

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a Stone Bridge over Back brook on the road between Col. Joseph Bowers and Mr. Andrew Parkhurst, and act any thing on each of them as they may think propa
7th At the request of Jesthak Parker and others, to see if the Town will suspend the Law as to the distruction of Pickerel for the term of one year, or act thereon —

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up four attested Copies thereof, one at each of the public meeting-houses, and William Parker's tavern in said town, fourteen days at least before the time appointed for holding said Meeting — Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto the town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid —

Given under our hands and seals, this Seventh day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight.

Alphus Spaulding
Charles Blood
Ephraim Adams
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Joel Adams, Town Clerk —

Service of said Warrant —

" Middlesex ss. Town of Chelmsford, March 3d. 1828 —

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified the said Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford to meet at the within time and place, and for the purposes within specified, by posting up attested Copies of said Warrant at the following places — viz — one at each of the public Meeting houses, and one at the house of William Parker all in said Chelmsford, fourteen days before the date hereof —

Recorded by Joel Adams, Town Clerk

March Meeting A.D. 1828

Town of Chelmsford. Monday March 3. A.D. 1828.

At a legal Town-Meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town of Chelmsford, qualified by law to vote for Town-officers, and in town affairs, holden at the Meeting house in the middle of said Town, on Monday the third day of March A.D. 1828, at nine of the Clock in the forenoon - The Town proceeded and voted as follows, to wit —

Voted For a Moderator to govern the Meeting and Nathaniel Howard Esq. was chosen —
When Prayers were performed by the Revd. John Parkhurst —

Voted For a Town-Clerk, and Jacob Adams was chosen and sworn by the Moderator in open town-Meeting.

Voted To choose three Selectmen for the ensuing year —

Voted For Selectmen and chose Capt. Alpheus Spalding for the first, Mr. Charles Blood for the second and Mr. Ephraim Adams for the third —

Voted To choose three Overseers of the Poor

Voted To hear the Statement of the Expenses of supporting the Poor during the past year, which was read, and Thereupon ordered that the same be put on file

Voted For three Overseers of the Poor and chose Capt. John Butterfield, Capt. Shereiah Spalding and Mr. Ephraim Adams,

Voted For a Town-Treasurer and chose Benj: Chamberlin

Voted To choose two Constables and chose Mr. Samuel Da[illegible] and Lieut. Otis Adams —

Voted To choose four Fishewardens and chose Charles Richardson, John T. Farwell, John Vincent & Abel Parker — all the above named person were duly chosen by ballot, or written votes —

Voted To choose a prudential School-Committee, to consist of one man in each School-District and thereupon chose in District ---------

March-Meeting - A.D. 1828 con'd

No. 1. Dr. John L. Dalton
" 3 Joseph Richardson
" 4 Henry Byam
" 5 Shrebeah Spaulding
" 6 Joseph Heywood
" 7 Sprake Livingston.
" 8 Alpheus Spaulding
" 9 Allen Robbinson
" 10 Joel Roper -

Voted To excuse Henry Byam in Dist. No 4. and Joel B. Wright was chosen in his stead. -

Voted. To excuse Joseph Richardson in Dist. No 3. and Owen Emerson jun: was chosen in his stead.

Voted. To defer the choice of a School-Committee to the next Town-Meeting in April

Voted For Surveyors of Highways and chose Lieut. David Perham, Capt Alpheus Spaulding, Capt. John Butterfield Jonathan Parker 2d. Lieut. Otis Adams, Edmund Sweet, Samuel Dunn, Nathan Buttrick, Majr. Jos. Manning, and Jonathan Pierce,

Voted. To excuse Majr. Manning, and chose Charles Davis in his stead -

Voted To choose three fence Viewers, and chose Capt. James Pitts, Daniel Proctor and Jephthah Parker -

Voted To choose four Field-drivers, and chose John Pikens Jr, Israel Putnam, Joseph Warren Jr and Ephraim -

Voted, To choose nine Surveyors of Lumber and chose Benj: I. Obear - Allen Robbinson, Henry Byam, Samuel F. Wood, Micajah Bowers, Benj: Blood, Sprake Livingston, Amos Whitney Jr. and Francis Richardson

Voted. To choose one Measurer of Wood in each School-District and chose in District No 1 - Caleb Abbott, Esqr

March-Meeting. 1825 — con'd

in District No 3. Joseph Richardson

" " 4 Capt. Zacheus Wright

" " 5 Joseph Putnam

" " 6 John Parker

" " 7 Thomas Marshall

" " 8 George S. Messenger

" " 9 Allen Robbinson and

" " 10 Joel Rosper

Voted To choose two Hog-Reeves and chose — Sprake Livingston and Allen Robbinson.

Voted To choose four Weighers of Hay and chose Lieut. Salomon Adams, Allen Robbinson Willard Read and Thomas J. Adams —

Voted To choose two Inspectors of Lime and chose Capt. John Shed and Artimas Parker —

Voted To choose two Culers of Staves and chose Capt. John Shed and Amos Whitney Esqr.

Voted To choose a Pound-keeper and chose John Bateman 2d

Voted, To excuse Joel Rosper from serveing as School-committee in Dist. No 10. and chose Eben. Adams in his stead

Voted That the Overseers of the Poor be Overseers of the Work-House and they were so chosen

Voted. That the Moderator be requested to cause all the Electors to be seated in the Pews, which was done accordingly —

Voted To hear the Report of the Committee, who made the annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer, which was read and accepted — /41 to 39/

Voted To pass over the third Article in the Warrant, until the other Articles in the Warrant are acted upon

Voted, and granted the sum of Eight hundred Dollars for the support of Town Schools. the ensuing year

Voted, and granted the sum of five hundred Dollars for the support of the Poor &c —

March-Meeting 1828 - con'd -

Voted That the overseers of the Poor be authorised to apply as much of the surplus Balance now remaining in their hands as they shall judge to be for the interest of the Town, to the payment of the Poor-Farm Debt, so called

Voted and granted the sum of Eight hundred Dollars to repair the Roads and Bridges in said Town the ensuing year -

Voted and granted the sum of Eight hundred Dollars to defray the necessary Expenses of the Town -

Voted. That the Town-Schools be kept in the same way and manner, in which they were kept the last year -.

Voted. That the Selectmen be authorised to apply one hundred dollars of the School-Money, to the relief of the small School-Districts, in case they shall judge it necessary - or so much of it as they shall judge necessary

Voted, That the Roads and Bridges be repaired in the same way and manner, they were the last year -

Voted, To postpone the 4th Article in the Warrant to the next Town-Meeting in April -

Voted. That the Town-Meetings shall be warned in the same way and manner they were the last year -

Voted. To refer the 10th Article in the Warrant to a Committee of three to report at the next Town-Meeting -.

Voted. That the Selectmen be said Committee

Voted. To suspend the Law respecting Pickerel for one year -

Voted, and granted the sum of five hundred and fifty dollars for the support of the Gospel-Ministry in the first Congregational Society in said Town, to be assessed on the Members of said Society only -

Voted To dismiss the Meeting -

Attest. Joel Adams, Town-Clerk

Annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer 1828

The Subscriben a Committee to make the annual settlement with the Town Treasurer, have attended to that duty and submit the following

Report

1st. Ministerial Money—

The Treasurer charges himself with cash received of Lieut. Otis Adams, Collector for 1826 $ 131.57

and with cash received of Lieut Otis Adams Collector for 1827 57.55

amounting in all to the sum of $ 599.12

and is credited as follows, to wit—

By cash due him on the last annual settlement twenty two dollars and 84 cts $ 22.84

By Cash paid Levi Mr. Allen's Orders from the Selectmen 500.00

By cash paid Sundry persons by Orders from the Selectmen 55.25

amounting in all to the sum of $ 578.09

leaving a Balance of Ministerial money in the hands of the Treasurer of $ 121.03

2 Militia Money.

The Treasurer Charges himself with a Balance due the town at the last annual settlement of $ 70.85

and with cash rec'd of Sundry exempts 14.00

amounting in all to the sum of — — $ 84.85

and is credited with cash paid for Charles Blood's Order from the Selectmen — — — 25.14

leaving a Balance in the Treasurer's hands of $ 9.71

3 Town and School-Money—

The Treasurer charges himself with cash due
the Town on the last annual settlement of ℔ 25. 34
Cash rec'd of St. Otis Adams col. for 1826 229. 57
and with cash rec'd of St. Otis Adams collector
for 1827 2038. 45
amounting in all to the sum of ℔ 2293. 36
and is credited with cash paid on
Sundry Orders from the Selectmen 1977. 55
leaving a Balance due the Town from
the Treasurer of ℔ 315. 81
all which is respectfully submitted.

Jael Adams
Joseph Manning } Committee

agreed to by Benj.a Chamberlain. Treasurer.

Recorded by Jael Adams. Town Clerk

Town-Offices for the year. 1828.

Town of Chelmsford Monday. March 3d. 1828.
The following named persons on the above said day in legal Town-Meeting were chosen into the several offices set against their respective names, and have taken the oath by Law required to qualify them for the office into which they are respectively chosen. viz.

Time of taking the oath		
	Jacl Adams. Town Clerk sworn March. 3. 1828	
March 3d	Samuel Dunn	Constables
	Otis Adams	
" 12th	Alpheus Spaulding	Selectmen & Assessors.
	Charles Blood	
	Ephraim Adams	
"	Jonathan Pierce	Surveyors of highways
"	Otis Adam	
"	Charles Davis	
"	Samuel Dunn	
Apr. 7	John Butterfield	
May 1	David Perham	
" 23	Eli Parker	
		Fence-Viewers
		Sealer-drivers
3	Allen Robbinson	Surveyors of Lumber
" 3	Benj: I. Obear	
Apr 7	Benj: Blood	
May 1.	Micajah Bowers	

March 3 Allen Robbinson
12 Joseph Richardson
" 7 Jael Rosper
} Surveyors of Wood

} Hog-Reeves

} Weighers of Hay

} Inspectors of Lime

} Cullers of Staves

March 12 John Bateman 2d Pound-Keeper

Joel Adams Town Clerk

Warrant for April Meeting 1828. is recorded in page 347 &c.

April Meeting 1828.

Town of Chelmsford. Monday April 7th. 1828.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford, qualified by Law to vote for Town officers and in Town affairs, holden at the Meeting house in the middle of said Town on monday the seventh day of April, A.D. 1828, the town proceeded and Voted as follows, viz:

Voted by ballot for a County Treasurer for the County of Middlesex, and the Votes were for the —

Hon. John Keyes ——— Sexty one — 61

" Abil Heywood — two ——— 2

Voted for a Moderator and chose Capt. James Pitts.

Voted, that the Town authorise and empower highway Surveyors to collect the money of those who neglect to work out their highway taxes —

Voted, To excuse Edmund Sweet from serving a Surveyor of Highways, and chose Amos Whitney Esqr. in his Stead —

Voted, To excuse Mr. Whitney, and chose Mr. Jesse Smith a Surveyor of Highways, who was duly Sworn by the Town Clerk in Town Meeting.

Voted, To excuse Capt. Mathews Spaulding from serving as a Surveyor of Highways, and chose Dea. Isaiah Spaulding a Surveyor of Highways in his Stead, who was duly Sworn by the Town Clerk in Town Meeting.

Voted, To excuse Mr. Nathan Buttrick from serving as a Surveyor of Highways and chose Mr. Eli Parker a Surveyor of Highways in his Stead —

Voted, on the question relating to a new County and the Nays were forty four, the yeas, one —

Voted, that the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year be required to make a final and full settlement with the Town Treasurer and Selectmen on or before the first day of May 1829. and the Collector be required

to pay interest on the Balance then due until paid
Voted That the collection of the Taxes for the Whole Town be
put up and struck off to the Lowest Bidder —
The collection of the Taxes was then put up on the Condi-
tions above Stated, and struck off to Mr. Israel Putnam
at two cents on the Dollar —
Voted by ballot for a Collator of Taxes and chose Mr.
Israel Putnam —
Voted, To dismiss the Meeting.

Attest. Josh Adams, Town Clerk.

Report of Committee &c — —

We the Subscribers, being chosen a committee
at the Town Meeting in March last, to examine Black Brook
Bridges have attended to that duty and beg leave to
submit the following Report — After examining the
Bridge near Amos Whitneys Esqr, it is the opinion of your
Committee that the railing is not sufficiently supported
for so dangerous a place where there is so much travel as
there is, and that there cannot be any permanent
support to the railing without lengthening and raising
the wing Walls, which will be a great Safeguard and
support to the road, as well as the railing — We therefore
recommend the Town to make said repairs —
On examening the Bridge near Mr. Andrew Parkhurst
we are of opinion that it needs repairing, and that the
Bridge ought to be laid with Stone, but it is so small
a bridge, that your Committee would rather recom-
mend the District to do it in the Highway work, than
the Town, except the covering Stone, which we think
aught to be furnished by the Town —

Stephen Spaulding
Charles Blood } Com^tee
Ephraim Adams

In Town Meeting, April 7. 1828
Voted To accept the forgoing Repart — Attest Josh Adams T. C^k

Votes for Governor &c - 1828=

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, holden on the Seventh day of April, being the first monday of said Month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor & Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth — The whole number of Votes given in, were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed — and were for the following persons —

For Governor - His Excellency, Levi Lincoln - Ninety five -
Hon. Elijah H. Mills two -
" Marcus Morton five -

For Lieut. Gov. His Honor. Thomas L. Winthrop, one hundred and six -
Hon. Nathaniel Willis, two -

Alpheus Spaulding
Charles Blood
Ephraim Adams } Selectmen of Chelmsford

Attest. Jacl Adams Town Clerk

Votes for Senators &c A.D. 1828

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Senators and Counsellors, holden on the Seventh day of April, being the first monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Senators and Counsellors, for the District of Middlesex — The Whole number of Votes given in, were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed — and were for the following persons —

Hon	Timothy Fulton	Seventy two
"	John Keyes	thirty eight
"	Benj. F. Varnum	fourteen
"	Luke Fiske	twenty five
	Daniel Richardson Esq.	Seventy
	James Lewis Jr	Eighty three
	Augustus Fox Esqr.	Sixty two
Hon.	William C. Jarvis	fourteen
	Thomas J. Goodwin Esq.	five
	Benj. Dix Esqr.	twelve
	Luther Lawrence Esq.	twelve
	Jack Adams	twelve
Hon.	John Abbott	five
	Josiah Adams Esq.	five

Alpheus Spaulding
Charles Blood
Ephraim Adams
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Attest Jack Adams Town Clerk

Warrant for May Meeting 1828

Seal Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the
Seal Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex, Greeting.
Seal In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and Warn the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Meeting house in the middle of said Town, on Thursday the first day of May next at one o'clock in the afternoon

1. To determine the number of Representatives said Town will choose for the present year.

2. To choose one or more Representatives to represent them in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the last Wednesday in May next; also to act on the following Articles

1st. To choose a Moderator.

2d To see if the Town will accept of a road laid out by the Selectmen across Chesnut hill, and reported by a Committee at a former Town meting, and adjourned till this Meting.

3d. By the request of several inhabitants, To see if the Town will provide Scrapers for the use of the Highway Districts, or act thereon.

4th. By the request of Samuel Davis, Esq. and others To see if the Town will lay out and make a road, Brginning at or near the southeast corner of the center Burying ground wall, near the Rev. Mr. Allen's Meting house, and from thence as straight as the nature of the land will permit to the Middle of the road leading to Westford near the dwelling-house of David Dutton; or to see if the town will make the road leading from Andrew Spaulding's house to the house of Alpheus Spaulding, agreeable to the plan made by Thomas J. Adams, for the use of the Commissioners of Highways for Middlesex County, or act thereon -

and you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof, one at the second Congregational Meeting house, and one at Capt. Wm Adams's Tavern, all in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said Meeting -: Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to ourselves at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid -

Given under our hands and Seals, this seventeenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight.

Alpheus Spaulding, Selectmen
Charles Blood, of
Ephraim Adams, Chelmsford

Recorded by Jael Adams, Town Clerk

Middlesex ss. Chelmsford May. 1. 1828

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the meeting house in the Middle of said Town on Thursday the first day of May inst. by posting up two attested Copies, one at the second Congregational Meeting house and one at the house of Capt. Wm Adams's, fourteen days before said Meeting -

Sam't Dunn Constable of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jael Adams, Town Clerk

Another Warrant of the same tenor was served by Otis Adams, Constable, by posting up Copies thereof one at the center Meeting house and one at the Baptist Meeting house, fourteen days previous to the Meeting, as will appear by the warrant on file

Attest Jael Adams, Town Clerk

May Meeting A.D. 1828

At a legal Meeting of Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Rhodeisland, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court holden at the Meeting House in the middle of said Town on Monday the fifth day of May A.D. 1828.

Voted, To elect one person to represent this Town in the next General Court

Then the Votes for one Representative were taken and the Votes were for Jacob Evans fifty nine Votes 59

for Samuel T. Wood. Thirty two Votes 32

and said Evans was chosen

Voted, for a Moderator, and chose Capt. James Fitch, who declined serving and thereupon Voted again and chose Capt. Elihu Spalding, who accepted &c.

Voted, to accept the Report of the Committee of Review of the 6th of Sept. last, respecting the Road over Chesnut Hill.

Voted to accept the Road laid by the Selectmen on the 30th day of December A.D. 1826, over Chesnut Hill

Voted, That the Selectmen cause said Road to be made and opened by the first day of November next, Provided they do not exceed in making said road and paying the damages, more than one hundred and fifty dollars

Voted, That the Town procure one Scraper for each Highway District for the use of the Districts, the same to be owned by Town.

Voted, that the Selectmen be a Committee to provide said Scrapers

Voted, to refer the fourth Article in the Warrant to a Committee to view and examine the roads mentioned in said Article, and that said Committee report at the next Town Meeting

Voted that said Committee consist of three

Voted for said Committee and chose, Capt. John Butterfield Samuel T. Wood and Joseph Manning

May Meeting A.D. 1828.

Voted. To add two more to said Committee and chose Cyrus Baldwin Esqr. and Capt. James Pitts.

Voted To accept and approve of the Set of Jurors as the same is made and reported by the Selectmen.

Voted. To reconsider the Vote, whereby the Town voted to procure one Scraper for each Highway District.

Voted. To dismiss the Meeting.

Attest Josh Adams Town Clerk

Jurors — new List for 1828 &c —

The following is a list prepared by the Selectmen of the Town of Chelmsford, comprising those persons, who are in their Judgment well qualified to serve as Jurors, and their names are placed in the Jury Box accordingly — viz —

Caleb Abbott.	Willard Read.
Nathaniel Howard,	Daniel Parker.
Amos Whitney Jr.	Joseph Putnam
Benjamin Chamberlain,	Josiah Fletcher Jr.
Zachaus Wright,	Otis Bailey
Lowell Parkhurst	James Robbins.
Joseph Warren Jr.	Amos Spaulding
Ephraim Warren,,	Solomon Adams
Joseph Manning,	John T. Farwell,
Shurebiah Spaulding,	Haskell Spaulding.
Owen Emerson Jr.)	John Shed
Elijah Richardson.	Noah Spaulding
Eben Adams	Francis Richardson,
Charles Bent,	Henry S. Parker.
Samuel Stevens	Joseph Bowers
Isaiah Spaulding,	Josiah K. Parkhurst,
Jonathan Pierce	Ezekiel Byam,
Jephthah Parker.	Daniel Proctor
George Richardson.	Joseph Chamberlain

All which is submitted to said Town for revision, alteration and confirmation.
Chelmsford May. 1. 1828

Alpheus Spaulding, Selectmen
Charles Blood } of
Ephraim Adams } Chelmsford

Recorded by Joel Adams. Town Clerk

Highway laid out across Chesnut Hill.

We the subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Chelmsford have laid out for the use of the said town a town-way, as follows:- Beginning at a little oak stump on the Southerly side of the road leading from Mrs. Susa Keyes's to Silas Spauldings at land of Alphaus Spaulding, then through said Alphaus Spaulding's land Southerly to the road leading from Chelmsford to Westford and across said road to a stake & stone by land of Ira and Benjamin Spaulding, then on the same course through land of said Ira & Benjamin Spaulding to a chesnut tree marked by land of said Alphaus Spaulding; then the same course through said Alphaus Spaulding's land to a small tree marked by land of said Ira & B. Spaulding; then the same course through land of said Ira and B. Spaulding to a stake by land of Joseph Chamberlin; then through said Joseph Chamberlain's land the same course except some small variation which are made by marked trees until it intersects the town road leading from Aaron Chamberlains to the said road leading from Chelmsford to Westford near Alphaus Spauldings, to be two rods wide and to lie on the Westerly side of said course. And We agreed with the owners of the land over which said road passes for their damages as follows: The said Alphaus Spaulding releases all the damages for laying said road through his land 57 rods; and the said Ira and Benjamin Spaulding release all the damages for laying said road through their land 90 rods; and to the said Joseph Chamberlain 10 dollars to be paid by the said Town of Chelmsford before said road is opened for all damages on his land 100 rods; and we allowed the owners of said lands two months to take off the wood and timber standing and growing thereon. Which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance, and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way -

Road across Chesnut Hill.

Dated at Chelmsford this thirtieth day of December A. D. 1826

Alphaeus Spaulding
Charles Blood
Ephraim Adams
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Jack Adams. Town Clerk

In town meeting May 1. 1828
The foregoing Town way was duly accepted by the Town and ordered to be recorded

Attest Jack Adams Town. Clerk

Warrant for a Town-Meeting, 18th of August, 1815.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Middlesex ss —

To Jacob Adams of the Township of Billerica in said County Greeting:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Billerica qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Meeting-house in the middle of said Town on Monday the eighteenth day of August inst. at two of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles, viz:

1st To choose a Moderator.

2d To take into consideration the petition of Bradford Kidder and others; and William Dalrymple and others to the Commissioners of Highways praying for a road from Groton Meeting house to near General Leach's former and act thereon as the Town may think proper —

3d To hear the report of a Committee chosen at the last Town Meeting, to examine a view for a road from the center Meeting house to David Shattuck's: and also from Nathan Spaulding's to Alpheus Spaulding's, and act thereon —

And you are required to serve this Warrant by posting up four attested copies thereof one each of the public Meeting houses, and one at Wm Bowers's Inn in said Billerica, ten days at least before said Meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and Seals this Eighteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen. Alpheus Spaulding (Select men of Billerica
Charles Blood
Ephraim Adams

Returned by Jacob Adams, Town Clerk

Return of the foregoing Warrant

Middlesex ss.

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs in the following manner, viz. By posting up attested Copies one at the Meeting house in the middle Precinct, and one at the Baptist Meetinghouse, and one at the 2d Congregational Meeting house, and one at Wm and S. Adams' Tavern, in Chelmsford, fourteen days at least before the day of said Meeting

Samuel Dunn, Constable of Chelmsford

Chelmsford August 18th 1828

Recorded by Josh Adams, Sec'y Ch'k

Town Meeting. August. 18th. 1828.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Colebrook, qualified to vote in Town affairs holden at the Meeting House in the Middle District in said Town on Monday the eighteenth day of August 1828. The Town proceeded and passed the following votes, viz.

Voted for a Moderator by ballot and Jack Adams was chosen

Voted, To chose a Committee to make a Survey of a Road from Lovell to Groton, and procure a plan of the same.

Voted, That said Committee consist of three and that they be chosen by ballot.

Voted, That said Committee and chose Capt. Josiah Stillman, Jack Adams and Samuel Dana, Esq.

Voted, That said Committee attend on the County Commissioners at their Meeting on the 25th of August, inst. and that they procure the granting of the petitioners Request and Petition, and of Holloway Dalrymple and others, before said Commissioners

The Committee appointed at a former Town Meeting to examine a proposed new highway from the Town meeting house to David Dutton and also another from Andrew Spaulding's to Stephen Spaulding, submit their Report in writing, which is accepted by vote

Voted to dismiss this Meeting

Attest Jack Adams, T. C.

Roads — Report, &c. 18, August 1828

The Committee to whom was refered the fourth Article of the Warrant for the Town Meeting in May last, have attended to the duty assigned them, and ask leave to submit the following Report, to wit;

On the 15th day of August instant the Committee proceeded to view and examine the Routs for the new highways or roads, mentioned in said Article, and report, that it is inexpedient for the Town to take any further Order thereon, as prayed for, or mentioned in said Article.

Chelmsford August 18th, 1828

per order of the Committee

John Butterfield, Ch, m —

Recorded by Jack Adams, Town Clerk

In Town Meeting, August 18, 1828 — The foregoing Report was read and accepted by the Town and ordered to be recorded

Attest Jack Adams, Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov.r 3. 1828

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Seal. Middlesex ss. To Samuel Dunn one of the Constables
Seal. of Chelmsford in said County of Middlesex. Greeting.
Seal. You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Chelmsford, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court of said Commonwealth, to assemble at the Meeting house in the Middle of said town on Monday the third day of November next at one of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States.

2d. To give in their Votes for a Representative to the Congress of the United States for the Middlesex District.

3d. To choose a Moderator.

4th. To choose a Committee to make the annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer.

5th. To take into consideration the Petition of William Read and others for an alteration in the highway leading from Golden Cove to Lowell.

6th. To see if the Town will choose a Committee to wait on the Commissioners in locating the road as prayed for in the Petition of William Dalrymple and others.

7th To see if the Town will widen Black-brook-bridge near Amos Whitneys, or act thereon.

8th. To see if the Town will accept of and approve of a Town-way laid out by the Selectmen from Sawyers Hill to Ezekiel Byam's Store, or act thereon as the town may think proper.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for said Meeting.

Warrant &c.

Given under our hands and seals at said Chelmsford this twentieth day of October A.D. 1828.

Alpheus Spaulding
Charles Blood
Ephraim Adams
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

Recorded by Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Return of said Warrant.

Middlesex ss. Chelmsford Nov. 3? 1828.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have posted up four attested copies, viz. one at each of the public Meting houses, and one at the house of Wm and J. f. Adams Tavern, all in Chelmsford, ten days previous to said Meting.

Samuel Dunn. Constable.

Recorded by Joel Adams. Town Clerk

Choice of Representative to Congress - 1828.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Billerica in the County of Middlesex in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden on the 1st. Monday in November in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, being the third day of said month, for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Middlesex District - The whole number of Votes given in were sorted counted, recorded and declaration thereof made, as by law is directed, and were for the following persons. to wit:

Hon. Edward Everett, one hundred & Sixty Three Votes		163
" Leonard M. Parker,	six votes	6
" Luke Fiske	two votes	2
" Nathan Chandler	one vote	1
Daniel Richardson Esq.	one vote	1
Thaddeus Osgood	one vote	1
Seth Bowers	one vote	1

Alpheus Spaulding, Selectmen
Charles Blood, of
Ephraim Adams, Billerica

Jacl Adams. Town Clerk

Attest Jacl Adams. Town Clerk

Choice of Electors. 1828

At a legal Meeting of Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex, qualified according to the Constitution, to Vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden on the first Monday in November, one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States; The whole number of Votes given in were received, sorted, counted and declared, and record thereof made in open Town Meeting, as directed by the Act passed June 16th, A.D. 1828, and were for the following persons, to wit:-

Electors at large.

His Honor Thomas L. Winthrop of Boston	155	Votes
Hon. Samuel Lathrop of West Springfield	155	Votes
Hon. Nathan Willis of Berkshire District	1	Vote
Hon. David Henshaw of Suffolk District	1	Vote

Electors for Suffolk District.

Hon. Jesse Putnam of Boston	155	Votes
John K. Simpson Esq. of Boston	1	Vote

Electors for Essex South District

Hon. Stephen White of Salem	155	Votes
Col. Josiah Newhall of Lynnfield	1	Vote

Electors for Essex North District.

Hon. Bailey Bartlett of Haverhill	155	Votes
John Ruggles Esq. of Methuen	1	Vote

Choice of Electors 1828.

Electors for Middlesex District.

Hon. Nathan Chandler of Lexington	155 Votes
" William Austin of Charlestown	1 Vote

Electors for Worcester South District.

Genl. Jonathan Davis of Oxford	155 Votes
Hon. Jonas Sibley of Sutton	1 Vote

Electors for Worcester North District

Hon. Silas Holman of Bolton	155 Votes
William Willard Esqr of Lancaster	1 Vote

Electors for Franklin District.

Col. Elick Gilbert of Greenfield	154 Votes
John Drury Esqr of Colerain	1 Vote

Electors for Hampden District.

Hon. Joshua Frost of Springfield	155 Votes
Genl. Joseph M. Forward of Southwick	1 Vote

Electors for Berkshire District.

Samuel Jones Esqr of Southbridge	154 Votes
Hon. Phineas Allen, of Pittsfield	1 Vote

Electors for Bristol District

Hon. Oliver Starkweather of Pawtucket	155 Votes
Elihu Daggett Esqr of Attleboro	1 Vote

Electors for Norfolk District

Hon Edward H. Robbins of Milton	155 Votes
" Ebenezer Seaver of Roxbury	1 Vote

Choice of Electors — 1828 —

Electors for Plymouth District.

Hon. Seth Sprague of Duxbury — 154 Votes
" Hon. Peter H. Pierce of Middleboro' — 1 Votes

Electors for Barnstable District.

Hon. Braddock Dimmick of Falmouth — 155 Votes
John P. Norton, Esq.r of Sisbury — 1 Votes

Alpheus Spaulding, Charles Blood, Ephraim Adams } Selectmen of Chelmsford

Jael Adams. Town Clerk

A true Record, Attest

Jael Adams. Town Clerk

Town Meeting. Nov. 3. 1828—

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified by law to vote for Town Officers and in Town affairs, holden at the Meeting House in the Middle of said Town on Monday the third day of November A.D. 1828— the Town proceeded and voted as follows, to wit.

Voted, for a Moderator and chose Col. Joseph Bowers. Who declined to serve, and thereupon

Voted again for a Moderator and chose Capt. Alpheus Spaulding—

Voted To choose Committee to make the annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer—

Voted That said Committee consist of three.

Voted, For said Committee and chose Capt. Otis Adams Joel Adams, and William Adams, Esq.—

Voted To dismiss the fifth Article in the Warrant.

Voted To dismiss the sixth Article in the Warrant.

Voted, To refer the Seventh Article in the Warrant to the Selectmen, and that they be hereby authorized to widen Black Brook Bridge, mentioned in said Article, at their discretion—

Voted, To approve and accept of a Town-way or road as laid out from Sawpit Hill to Ezekiel Byam's Store, by the Selectmen of this Town, and by them reported to this Meeting, on Condition that Mr. Ezekiel Byam shall give a Bond to this Town, to make and complete said Townway or road for the sum of five hundred Dollars, and also on Condition that the Selectmen can agree with the owners of the Lands over which said Townway or road passes, for their Damages, for a sum not exceeding five hundred Dollars. The road to be made to the acceptance of the Selectmen, or County Commissioners, as the Town may elect.

Voted To dismiss the Meeting. Attest. Joel Adams. T.C.

New Road laid out and accepted.

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Chelmsford have laid out for the use of said Town, a townway as follows: Beginning at a stake about four rods north of Ezekiel Byam's store at land of John Bateman then through said Bateman's land, North 45 degrees east to land of Bateman and Byam; then continuing the same course through land of said Bateman and Byam to land of Jeshuah Parker; then continuing the same course through land of said Parker to land of John Harwood; then continuing the same course through land of said Harwood, eighty one rods to land of Henry Byam; then continuing the same course through land of said Byam to land of Samuel Parkhurst; then continuing the same course through land of said Parkhurst 20 rods to land of Zaccheus Wright; then continuing the same course through land of said Wright to the road East of William Byam's; then across said road to land of the heirs of Robert Foster; then continuing the same course through land of said heirs 27 rods to land of William Byam; then continuing the same course through land of said Byam to land of Betsy Foster; then continuing the same course through said Betsy's land 40 rods to land of Elias Sweetser; then continuing the same course through land of said Sweetser to land of Sewall Parkhurst; thence continuing the same course through land of said Parkhurst 50 rods to land of Willard Read; then continuing the same course through land of said Read to land of Dorcas Weld; then continuing the same course through land of said Dorcas to land of Ephraim Warren; then through land of said Warren 43 rods to land of Joel Adams Esqr; then through land of said Adams to land of Joseph Warren; then through land of said Warren 37 rods until it comes to the road in front of the house of Joel Adams, Esqr on Sawpit Hill-

New Road laid out and accepted Nov 3. 1828.

And we agreed with the owners of the land over which said Way passes for their damages as follows: the said John Bateman, Ezekiel Byam, Joseph Parker, Henry Byam, Zacheus Wright, William Byam, Elias Swetser, Willard Read and Joel Adams release all the damages for laying said road through their lands - This road runs through land of Joseph Warren, 37 rods; Ephraim Warren 43 rods; Samuel Parkhurst, 20 rods; Sewall Parkhurst 30 rods; (Betsy Foster) 40 rods; heirs of Ebal Foster 27 rods; and John Harwood 81 rods, which the town will have to pay for: And we allowed the several owners of the land aforesaid two months to take off the wood and timber standing and growing thereon -, which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance, and when accepted and recorded, is forever after to be known as a public Town Way -

Dated at Chelmsford, this 1st day of November A.D. 1828 -

Silas Spaulding
Charles Blood
Ephraim Adams
} Selectmen of Chelmsford

In Town Meeting Nov. 3. 1828 - The foregoing Way was approved of and accepted by the Town on certain conditions, as mentioned in their Vote, and recorded by

Joel Adams. Town-Clerk

Warrant for Town-Meting – Novr 24. 1828

Middlesex ss.

To Mr. Otis Adams, one of the Constables of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Meting house in the Middle of said Town on Monday the twenty fourth day of November inst. at two of the clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following Articles.

1 To choose a Moderator.

2 At the request of Samuel Parkhurst and thirteen others, to see if the town will discontinue a road laid out by the Selectmen and accepted by the town from Ezekiel Byam's Store south of Robbin's Hill to Sawpit Hill near Jael Adams Esqr and act thereon as the town may think proper.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof at each of the public Meting houses, and one at Capt. William Adams Jr. tavern in said Town, ten days at least before the time for holding said Meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and Seals this fourteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight.

Alpheus Spaulding } Selectmen
Ephraim Adams } of Chelmsford

Recorded by

Jael Adams, Town Clerk

Warrant for Town-Meeting, Nov.r 24th 1828 —

Officer's Return of said Warrant, viz.

Middlesex ss. Nov: 24th 1828 - I have served the within Warrant by posting up four attested copies thereof at the following places, Viz. one at each of the Public Meeting houses, and one at the tavern of Capt. William Adams jr. all in Chelmsford, ten days previous to the date hereof -

Otis Adams, Constable of Chelmsford.

Town-Meeting, Nov.r 24th. 1828 —

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford, qualified by law to vote for Town officers, and in Town affairs, held at the Meeting-house in the Middle of said town on Monday the twenty fourth day of November A.D. 1828, at two of the Clock in the afternoon, the town proceeded and voted as follows, to wit.

Voted. For a Moderator and chose Amos Whitney, Esq.
who refused to serve -

Voted again for a Moderator and chose Mr. Sam.l Parkhurst, who also refused to serve — and Voted, the third time for a Moderator and chose Cyprus Baldwin Esq.r, who accepted

Voted, To dismiss the second Article in the Warrant

Voted. To dismiss the Meeting

A true Record, Attest, Jacob Adams Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting Dec. 15th 1828 -

Middlesex ss.

To Samuel Dunn one of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford, qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the center Meeting house in said town on Monday the fifteenth day of December, inst. at 3 O'clock P. M. then and there to act on the following articles.

1 To choose a Moderator.

2 To choose a committee to let out a road laid out by the County Commissioners from Groton to Wm. Adams in Chelmsford, or act thereon: And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up four attested copies thereof one at each of the public meeting houses, and one at W&S. Adams Tavern in said town two Sundays at least before the time for holding said Meeting -

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands and Seals this fourth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight

Alpheus Spaulding, Selectmen
Charles Blood
Ephraim Adams } of Chelmsford,

Return &c.

Middlesex ss. Pursuant to the within Warrant I have posted up four attested copies, viz, one at each of the public Meeting houses, and one at Wm and S. J. Adams Tavern all in Chelmsford, ten days before the holding of said Meeting

Samuel Dunn. Constable

Recorded by Jacob Adams, Town Clerk

Town Meeting December 15th A.D. 1828

At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, held at the Meeting house in the Middle of said Town on Monday the fifteenth day of December A.D. 1828, at three of the Clock in the afternoon the Town proceeded and voted as follows, to wit

Voted. For a Moderator and chose Capt. A.C. Spaulding. who declined serving

Voted again for a Moderator and chose Mr. Charles Blood.

Voted. To choose a Committee to lay out the road as stated in the second Article of the Warrant.

Voted. That said Committee consist of three and they be chosen by ballot.

Voted. For said Committee and chose Alpheus Spaulding Charles Blood and Ephraim Adams. who requested the Town to excuse them from serving. Whereupon it was voted to excuse them &c.

Voted To reconsider the Vote of this Meeting, whereby it was voted to chose said Committee by ballot; and

Voted that said Committee be chosen by nomination.

Voted For said Committee by nomination and chose Benjamin Chamberlain, Samuel F. Wood and William Adams, Esq.rs

Voted To dismiss the Meeting

A true Record. Attest. Joel Adams, Town Clerk

Warrant for April Meting 1828 — see page 318

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex — Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the meeting house in the middle of said town on Monday the seventh day of April next, at one O'clock in the afternoon, being the first monday of said month — to bring in their Votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth; and for five Senators, on one ballot, for the District of Middlesex for the year ensuing: and also to give in their Votes for a County Treasurer: and also — To act on the following Articles, viz.

1 To choose a Moderator.

2 To fill up all Vacant town offices.

3 To hear the report of the Committee chosen at March meting to view Black-Brook-bridges, and act thereon.

4th. To see if the Town will restrain horses, neat Cattle and Swine from running at large within the limits of the town the year ensuing.

5th. To see if the Town will authorise highway Surveyors to collect the money of those who neglect to work out their highway tax

6th. Shall a new County be formed of the towns of Royalston, Winchendon, Athol, Templeton, Gardner, Westminster, Ashburnham, Fitchburgh, Leominster, Lunenburgh, Princeton, Hubbardston, Phillipston, Lancaster, Bolton and Harvard from the County of Worcester; and the towns of Groton, Shirley, Pepperel, Ashby, Ashby, and Townsend from the County of Middlesex, prayed for in the petition of Isaac Jewett and others.

Warrant &c. cont'd

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Meeting house in the Middle of said town, and one at the Baptist Meeting house, fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands and Seals, this twelfth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight.

Alpheus Spaulding } Selectmen
Charles Blood } of
Ephraim Adams. } Chelmsford.

Recorded by — Jael Adams. Town Clerk

Middlesex ss.

Chelmsford April 7th. 1828—

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the qualified Voters of said Town to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up two attested Copies of the same, at the following places, to wit; one at the center Meeting-house and one at the Baptist Meeting house in Chelmsford fourteen days previous to the date hereof.

Otis Adams. Constable of
Chelmsford

Recorded by — Jael Adams. Town-Clerk

Another Warrant of the same tenor with the preceding was duly served by Samuel Dunn, Constable, by posting two Copies thereof, as set forth in his Return of said Warrant on file

Attest Jael Adams Town Clerk